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Coach Burl Friddle of Toledo, with Jim Glass, Davage Minor, Bob Bolyard, Charles Harmon and Art Grove. The Rockets are scheduled to meet Manhattan at the Garden on Thursday.

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Zivic Thinks Ray Robinson's A Little Better Than Bouncing Beau Jack

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BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—(AP)—Fritzie Zivic twisted his dishpan face into a knot of concentration. He was using an ice pack to iron out a couple more bumps and dents left in that classic pan by his encounter with Beau Jack, and had been asked how Jack compared with Henry Armstrong.

"Well," he said finally when the opinion jelled, "I think Armstrong is a little better. I don't know, he keeps coming in steadier, and he has a dozen punches to throw, at you. He'll come up this way, or over this way, or around. Jack mostly swings wide hooks."

The crafty Pittsburgher had just dropped a close decision to Jack, the bouncing young ex-bootblack who doesn't seem to have any more style than a burlap bag. He's still fighting a battle royal when he gets in there, and trying to hit all eight men at once. But he wins.

His legs below the knee are about as big as a cornstalk, but they seem to prop up a husky torso without trouble. His handlers wind him up in his corner between rounds and point him in the right director as he sits with a worried expression on his face.

At the bell he jumps up, takes a deef breath, drops his hands to his sides and starts toward his opponent with long, bent-kneed strides. Then he goes to work, and is just so darned persevering he discouFEB 9 1943 fages his rival. It's just wham, wham, wham, and when you've seen one of his rounds you've seen them all.

We thought Zivic would win, as we had seen him handle a boring-in fighter before as he sliced Armstrong's face into bright red strips. But he couldn't seem to get set against the plodding Jack, who parried jabs deftly with his nose and brow and just kept coming.

Fritzie thought he would win, too, and afterward thought he had won. We watched him closely when he climbed into the ring. Despite his 10-some fights he was as nervous as a sparrow. He sat there, lean jaw muscles working convulsively, and spittin' cotton, as they say.

Nevertheless he gave the impression of confidence. His bright alert, sharp-featured face was determined, and he took in his surroundings with quick, keen glances, winking loudly to acquaintances at the ringside. FEB 9 1943

"I'll win," he said to a well-wisher.

But he didn't win. He made it very, very close and we thought a draw wouldn't have hurt either man. That is, there was nothing very decisive about it.

The Zivic supporters weren't without a victory during the evening, however. Monk Saunders, a pal of Ffitzie, scored a moral victory over Gen. John J. Phelan. Monk ruined the fight for the boxing commissioner.

Clad in his Marine uniform, Monk sat in an aisile seat down front, and in a high, piercing voice kept yelling at Fritzie to "keep 'em flying." FEB 9 - 1943

The general glared balefully at the source of this noise, and round after round missed most of the ring action. He finally told Monk to quit coaching or he'd be thrown out.

"Who'll throw who out," Monk answered, "hollering's my hobby. I guess I can holler if I want."

The general finally got up, stalked majestically right by Monk, and pretty soon an usher and a house cop came down to see what could be done about muffling this noisy person. Nothing could be done. Monk had his seat stub. The general never returned to his ringside pew, and Monk's clarion tones continued to vie with the off-beam notes of a stray bugle high up in the other side of the house.

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BEAU JACK GAINS VERDICT OVER ZIVIC

Lightweight Champion Wins Non-Title Bout Over Ten-Round Route at Garden

STAND-OFF IN SEMI-FINAL

Guido and Dell Wage Torrid Fight on Even Terms—Fine Halted by Agosta in Third

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By JAMES P. DAWSON

Beau Jack of Georgia, world lightweight champion, gained the decision over Fritzie Zivic, veteran Pittsburgh welterweight, last night in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. The Beau's title was not at stake in the over-the-weight contest.

A crowd of 20,000 jammed the arena to see the ring program. Beau Jack, at 137½, spotted eight pounds to Zivic. Arthur Susskind (Young Otto) was the referee, and the judges were Marty Monroe and Sam Robinson.

Jack leaped after Zivic with the clang of the opening going and never slackened the chase for the first round. He lathered the Pittsburgh veteran about the head and body in close-quarter fighting, to which the round was given over, while Zivic clubbed his right to the head and used the right in short uppercuts.

Zivic at times did not seem to know where all the blows were coming from, Jack was so busy. Late in the round, under the momentum of his own rush and the fact he was off balance, Jack slipped to his haunches, but he was up in a jiffy.

Zivic Is Bewildered

There was no breathing spell in the second round either. Jack took all the play from Fritzie from the time he leaped eagerly out of his corner and plastered Zivic against the ropes with a furious assault of rights and lefts. Zivic seemed flustered, retreated and held in the clinches with his left arm while he pumped rights to the head and face. FEB 6 - 1943

The Beau, on the other hand, swung furiously with both hands, landing more often than he missed, although at open fighting Zivic deftly picked off or avoided most of the Jack's blows. They were so torrid in their punching neither heard the bell ending the round, nor did Referee Otto. The fighting continued until handlers of both boxers leaped through the ropes.

Jack lashed Zivic about the kidneys with full-arm rights in open fighting in the third and hammered Zivic steadily about the body, head and face with both hands in the clinches. Fritzie found the pace so fast eh was all at sea. Late in the round Zivic drove two solid rights to the heart and whipped two left hooks to the body.

Zivic kept his foe at bay at times in the fourth with a straight left that made Jack miss many punches at long range. Jack never stopped punching, though, either at long range or close quarters. One of his long rights opened a cut over Zivic's left eye.

In the fifth Jack was after Zivic every second, forcing the Pittsburgher about the ring tirelessly, lashing out with both hands furiously. Late in the round Zivic stabbed solidly with his left, hooked a blow to the face and crossed a right to the jaw, but it was only a flash.

In the sixth Jack chased Zivic all over the ring with seemingly inexhaustible energy, hammering Fritzie steadily and savagely about the head and body at long range and at close quarters. He kept the Pittsburgher so busy on the defense Zivic had no time even to think of an attack.

Crowd Demands Draw

Antognoli, 118¼, Greenwich Village, and Pepito Rivera, 120, Puerto Rico, fought a draw. Eddie Dowl, 133¼, Jersey City, won the decision over Ruby Garcia, 134, Puerto Rico, in their four-round event.

Agosta, 148, of Brooklyn, out Al Fine, 141, White in the third round of their ed six-round battle. A right jaw finished Fine after 46 of the third session.

Johnny Dell, 129½, Brooklyn, Fontana, 160, hammered to the verdict over Artie 156, in a six-round clash of n middleweights. In the bout of four rounds, Tony

Al Guido, 129¼, of Harlem, and first bell to last.

Joe Agost knocked out Plains, in the scheduled six- the jaw f

ing it following a head-to-head seconds of t

Dell fought half the battle Larry

with a badly cut right eye, but this his way to

did not interfere with his willing Levine,

trading of blow for blow. Spirited Brooklyn

exchanges marked the bout from opening

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Ray Robinson No. 1 Fighter; Race Stars Shattered Records

JAN 2 1943

By ROBERT HUGHEY

Before entering the 1943 season in America's sports, let's turn back the pages for a brief review of highlights on the scene in 1942.

The second world conflict, as expected, took its toll in many branches of sports but not quite as heavy as the experts and fans had anticipated. Sgt. Joe Louis, one of the greatest fighters of all times, including his Army career and the historic controversy over the proposed return match with Billy Conn, retained his diadem as heavyweight champion of the world. His last fight was with Buddy Baer early in the year.

ROBINSON TOPS

Ray "Sugar" Robinson was named "boxer of the year" by Ring magazine and Jimmy Bivins, winner of a sensational victory over Bob Pastor in a return match, won top honors in the light heavyweight rank as well as first place in group of two of the heavyweight rank. Top honors for the greatest comeback went to Henry Armstrong, and Beau Jack, in the ebb ing moments of 1942, copped th lightweight title by defeating Tippy Larkin.

BEST BASEBALL YEAR

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Negro baseball enjoyed its most prosperous season in 1942, a year which saw liberal-minded sports editors, white newspaper and labor organizations, all over the nation, joining the fight to get Negro players their deserved chance in the majors. The Homestead Grays retained their leadership in the Negro National League and the Kansas City Monarchs coped honors in the Negro American League, and eventually in Philadelphia defeated the Grays in the fourth game for Negro world series honors. The East defeated the West in the East-West classic before 48,000 in Chicago. In this game, as in other tilts, between the Monarchs and Grays in Washington, and between the Monarchs and Dizzy Dean's All-Stars, it was colorful "Satchel" Paige who was the magnate in attracting record-breaking crowds.

Among the highlights on the pigskin front was Florida's capture of the national title . . Ralph Oves, a white boy, named on The Courier's All-America team of 1942 and Florida and Texas' selections for number 1 and 2 spots, respectively, in The Courier grid rating. High spots in the track world were Barney Ewell's winning a "triple" for the third consecutive record to get a world record and Xavier university's capture of three featured events in the Penn Relays.

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TRAGIC DEATHS

The year 1942 recorded, among others, the deaths of Jack Blackburn, world famous trainer of Joe Louis; Dave Alston, sensational backfield star of Penn State; Red Stewart, assistant football coach of Kentucky State and John Borican, one of the greatest track stars of all time.

Reggie Weir won the A.T.A. tennis championship for the fifth straight time to break Edgar Brown's record and Howard Wheeler sparkled as Tam O'Shanter golf tourney invited Negro players for first time in history in high spots in the world of tennis and golf, respectively.

The high spots in the world of sports for the year, 1942, follows:

JANUARY

Jan. 3—Cincinnati Buckeyes awarded franchise in Negro American League . . . Race fighters get high rating in annual poll by Ring Magazine.

Jan. 10—J. C. Smith rallies in final period to beat Lane, 13 to 0, in Flower Bowl Classic . . . Langston routs Morris Brown, 13 to 0, in Vulcan Bowl Classic.

Jan. 17—Nation hails Joe Louis "greatest ever" on the eve of his two-round kayo over Buddy Baer . . . Blackburn, Louis' trainer, lay ill in his home in Chicago . . . Louis turns over $50,000 to Navy Relief following fight with Baer . . . Joe Louis answers call to colors.

Jan. 24—Bill Cerum launched 'Joe Louis Cot" Drive . . . Washington stages first interracial intercollegiate basketball game between North Carolina State and Brooklyn college . . . Ray "Sugar" Robinson kayoes Fritzie Zivic.

Jan. 31—Louis Santop, highest paid Negro baseball player of all times, dies in Naval Hospital in Philadelphia . . . Jim Herbet rumps to victory in Metro "600;" sets record . . . Joe Louis hailed at Writers' Banquet.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 7—North Carolina State tops Brooklyn college, 37 to 34.

Feb. 14—Negro National Baseball League holds annual conference in Baltimore . . . Jim Herbet, Ed Dugger win in Millrose games; Borican third.

Feb. 21—Barney Ewell wins Penn. A. C. "50;" Owens in dash exhibition . . . Tom Wilson retained as Negro National League president.

Feb. 28—Ray "Sugar" Robinson kayoes Maxie Berger.

MARCH

March 7—Jackie Wilson, NBA featherweight champion, breaks arms; loses to Terry Young . . . Negro National League turns thumbs down on Crawfords. Borican wins "1000" in record time . . . Moguls give Taylor Foster plan green light.

March 14—Barney Ewell, Carter grab IC4-A honors. Virginia Union court team routs Long Island "B" team as fans protest.

March 21—John Borican scores "VV" in K. of C. Track Carnival . . . Chicago White Sox rejects race players . . . N. Y. Rens crush Chicago Bruins, 24 to 21, to cop Cleveland tourney.

March 28—Organize new baseball league, "Negro Major Baseball League," and National and American Leagues guard stars . . . Ray "Sugar" Robinson kayoes Norman Rubio.

APRIL

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April 4—Harry Bobo gets off floor to kayo Franklin in first round . . . Louis chops down giant Abe Simon in sixth . . . Tough ole' Chappie, still ill, shed a sentimental tear . . . Sports fraternity endorses Jesse Owens' "Fitness Program."

April 11—Metro All-Stars stop Virginia Union, 69 to 57; Rens sink Pros, 49 to 36 . . . New York named site for second Louis-Conn fight in June.

April 18—Bar sepia champ from collegiate fistic meet in Los Angeles; Japanese teammate okey.

April 25—National golf tourney gets Ickes' approval . . . Xavier thinclads romp to victory in Alabama Relays . . . Boy Pastor rallies to defeat Jimmy Bivins . . . Ray "Sugar" Robinson stops 'Dutch' in sixth.

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MAY

May 2—Sports world eulogizes Jack Blackburn . . . Race track stars rule Drake Relays.

May 9—Joe Louis, sports world bow heads at final rites for Jack Blackburn . . . Opening day crowd of 12,000 sees Homestead Grays nip Newark Eagles, 3 to 2, on Gibson's homer.

May 16—Barney Ewell sets new record for "220" in meet against Pitt university . . . Chalky Wright hands Lulu Constantino first set-back . . . Seek new foe for Joe Louis after Conn is injured in rift with father-in-law . . . Gus Dorazio halts Harry Bobo's heavyweight climb.

May 23—Southern university track team wins Southwestern track meet . . . Morgan, Bordentown win CIAA track meet.

May 30—"Satch" Paige stars as Kansas City Monarchs whip Dizzy Dean's All-Stars, 3 to 1, before 29,000 . . . Burghart resigns North Carolina grid post for Lincoln university (Mo.) job . . . Forsythe springs upset to win Golden State Golf Meet.

JUNE

June 6—Barney Ewell's "triple" sets IC4-A record. Ewell is victor in three events for third year in row . . . Armstrong hits comeback trail with victory over Elozada . . . Hand injury mars Ray "Sugar" Robinson's win over Marty Servo . . . Army's ban on Louis dooms fight game.

June 13—Labor calls on Landis to remove color ban in major leagues . . . Louis and Bob Feller top benefit show in New York.

June 20—Plan two all-star games—annual East-West game and second "dream" battle in Cleveland for Army-Navy Relief Fund on August 18 . . . Boxing scribes honor Joe Louis.

June 27—Thirty thousand thrilled as Homestead Grays nip Kansas City Monarchs in Dee Cee tilt . . . Chalky Wright kayoes Harry Jeffra to retain featherweight crown . . . Louis off to Fort Riley to complete basic training.

JULY

July 4—Henry Armstrong decisions Sheik Rangel in Oakland, Cal. . . . Newark Eagles take three from Grays . . . Wendell Smith, Courier sports editor, cites need for unbiased set-up in Army sports program . . . Burnt Cork, owned by Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, looms as good Kentucky Derby candidate for 1943.

July 11—Henry Armstrong loses close fight to Reuben Shank in Denver, Col. . . . Smith continues "expose" story on Army sports program.

July 18—Grays in tailspin as Philly Stars take series to share second place in National League.

July 25—Judge Landis' okay on Negroes in majors spurs interest in annual East-West classic . . . Landis says Negroes are welcome. "If Negro is good enough for Navy, he's good enough for majors."—Dan Parker.

AUGUST

Aug. 1—Sepia golfers impressive in Tam O'Shanter Open; Howard Wheeler colorful . . . Grays dish Elites double lacing; back in loop race . . . Pirates to "eye" four race players . . . Willing to sign race players, Philly owner tells Courier . . . Major leagues plan 'secret meeting' to discuss Negro players, rumor.

Aug. 8—"Would welcome Negro players in National League," Ford Frick . . . Coast League moguls agree with Landis on race players . . . Robinson batters Angott; Commission "protects" Cochrane . . . Thousands vote; stars primed in final week of East-West poll . . . "Satch" thrills 29,000 in New York.

Aug. 15—To name players for 'Bucs' try-out next week . . . Bobo suspended; May sue Commission . . . Bar sepia champ, Robert Bucky Washington, in AAU Swimming Meet . . . Armstrong punches his way back to top; stops Aldo Spoldi . . . Catholics call for fair play in Major Leagues . . . Wright loses Garden bout to Stolz.

Aug. 22—West bows to East, 5 to 2, before 48,000 in Chicago . . . Dave Alston, Penn State's sensational backfield star, dies . . . Ezzard Charles kayoes Jesse Basora . . . East routs West, 9 to 2, in Cleveland before 10,000.

Aug. 29—Robinson throws "Cowboy" Shank in two rounds to mark up 34th consecutive win . . . Fans name Ezzard Charles boxing's "VV" fighter . . . Grays sweep three game series with Philly as Newark Eagles slug out double triumph over Black Yankees.

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SEPTEMBER

Sept. 12—Homestead Grays, champions of Negro National League, and Kansas City Monarchs, champions of Negro American League, set for title series . . . Louis-Conn pairing looms as probability; Conn in New York to discuss match.

Sept. 19—Ezzard Charles stops Mose Brown in Pittsburgh . . . Thirty thousand see staggering Grays lose third straight to Kansas City Monarchs at Yankee Stadium; Monarchs vow to end series in Kansas City Sunday afternoon . . . Joe Louis to "show no mercy" in proposed bout with Conn on Oct. 12.

Sept. 27—Joe Louis leaves money matters to managers and grooms for big fight with Billy Conn . . . Charge Grays used "fingers" in fourth world series game . . . Kansas City Monarchs win Negro World Series in Philly by beating Homestead Grays in the final game, 9 to 5.

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OCTOBER

Oct. 3—Joe's debts amazing to public . . . Smith believes champ's ring career ended—says whole story not yet told . . . Bobo, Pittsburgh heavyweight, may be reinstated by boxing chiefs . . . Chalky Wright, without crutches, beats Lulu Constantino to retain title.

Oct. 10—Ray "Sugar" Robinson whips Middleweight Jack LaMotta in featured 10-round bout in New York . . . Delaware State "11" surprises Virginia Union with 6 to 2 win.

Oct. 17—Florida A. & M. smothers Alabama State, 26 to 0 . . . Wilberforce upsets Tuskegee, 13 to 7, before 20,000 in Chicago . . . J. C. Smith pulls 7 to 6 upset over Virginia State.

Oct. 24—Robinson beats Izzy Janazzo for 37th consecutive pro win.

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NOVEMBER

Nov. 7—Kansas City, Homestead Grays and Newark Eagles dominate 19th All-American "dream" team selected by Cum Posey, baseball editor . . . Kentucky State holds top in Courier grid rating . . . Bivins, Charles and Armstrong get high rating in NBA poll. . . . Burnt Cork, Derby hopeful, scores again at Bay Meadows, Calif., in Lido handicap.

Nov. 21—Florida beats Benedict, 61 to 7; tops Courier grid rating . . . Wilberforce upset by Lane, 6 to 0 . . . Beau Jack kayoes Allie Stolz, claims lightweight title . . . West Virginia topples Kentucky State in upset of week.

DECEMBER

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Dec. 5—In Thanksgiving Day grid classics Morris Brown and Clark in 12 to 12 deadlock; West Virginia beats Wilberforce, 12 to 6; Florida routs Xavier 44 to 14; Texas swamps Wiley, 40 to 0; Morgan whips Virginia State 30 to 0; Tuskegee blanks Alabama State 25 to 0.

Dec. 12—Morris Brown, Wolverines crush Lane College Dragons, 20 to 0, in Peach Blossom tilt . . . Landis, Moguls reject request for hearing on sepia players in majors . . . Lee Jenkins becomes latest victim on Armstrong comeback trail.

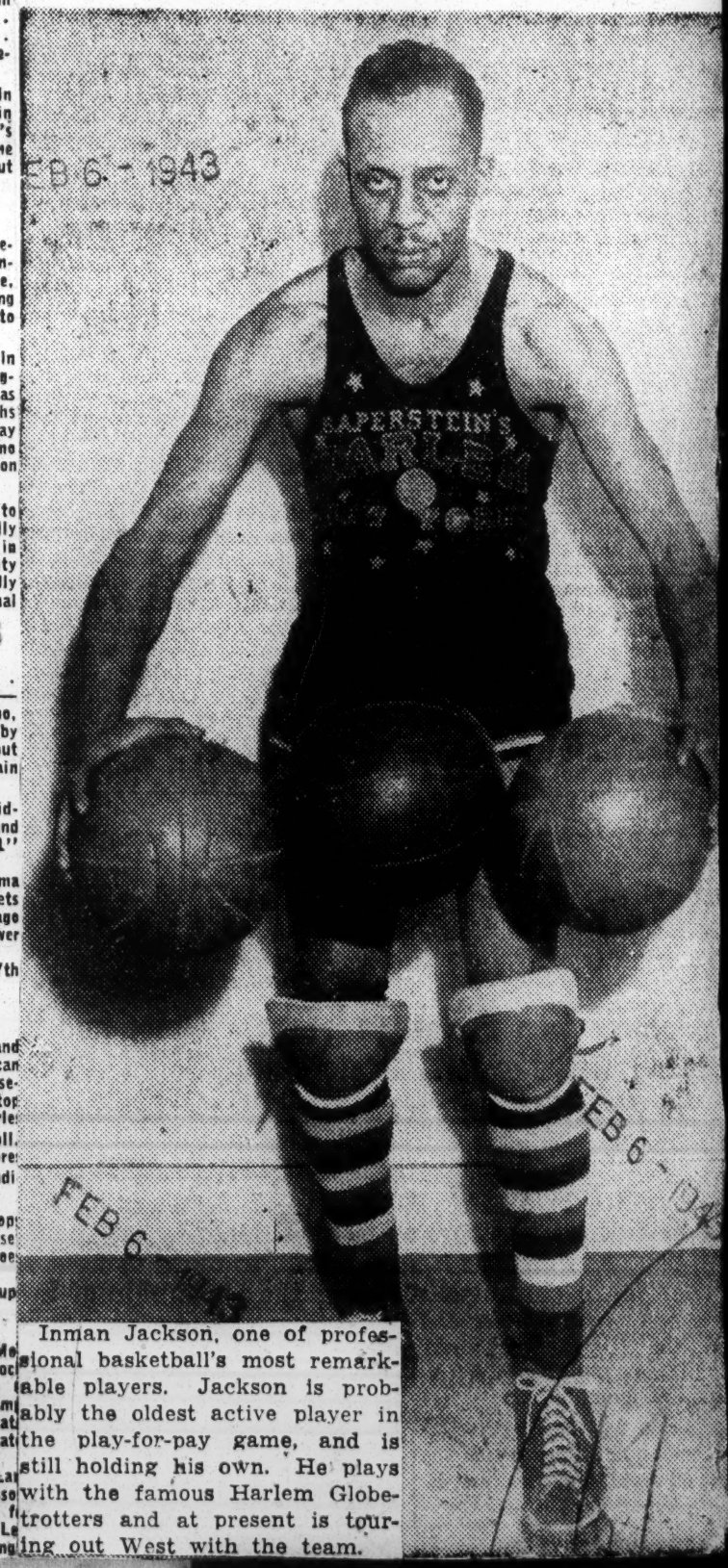
Dec. 19—Tanner stars as Florida beats Texas for national football title . . . Florida and Texas topnotch teams in Courier grid rating.

Dec. 26—Ralph Oves, white gridder, on Courier's All-America football team for 1942 . . . Beau Jack kayoes Tippy Larkin in third round to become lightweight champion . . . Henry Armstrong's comeback voted top . . . "Would sign race players," Chicago magnate tells committee at confab. . . Burnt Cork, owned by Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, looms as good Kentucky Derby candidate for 1943 . . . Burnt Cork, Derby hopeful, scores again at Bay Meadows, Calif., in Lido handicap.

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STILL THRILLING COURT FANS

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Inman Jackson, one of professional basketball's most remarkable players. Jackson is probably the oldest active player in the play-for-pay game, and is still holding his own. He plays with the famous Harlem Globetrotters and at present is touring out West with the team.

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The Sports Roundup

By LUCIUS JONES

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Modest, Hard-Punching Harry Bobo Bows Out of Fistic Spotlight with Record of 28 Victories, Only 5 Losses

THERE'S SOMETHING DRAMATIC about the way Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh's gentleman fighter, hung up the boxing gloves last week to enter a bigger and more important battle for his country.

Joe Louis entered the service of his country in the same dramatic manner, making a quick decision not to seek deferment but to rally immediately to the Red, White and Blue.

Louis gave purses grossing $86,000 to the Navy Relief society and Army Emergency Relief. He had just kayoed Buddy Baer in one canto in a return bout in Madison Square garden when he signed up with Uncle Sam.



Lucius Jones

The Brown Bomber, since that time, has carried himself creditably as a soldier at Camp Upton, N.Y., Fort Dix, N.J., and the U.S. Cavalry Replacement Center, Fort Riley, Kan. He has been given citation by top military authorities as "the greatest single morale-building influence in the United States Army." He has earned for himself the rank of sergeant.

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Now Harry Bobo, quietly but dramatically, has made the same decision as did the world's heavyweight champion. The decision, in itself, is typical of the quiet courage of this hard-punching Peabody Pulverizer.

Harry left a fine record when he reported for induction. He began his pro career in 1939 and was undefeated, winning nine fights, seven by knockouts. The next year he won six times in nine starts, two of his losses being decisions dropped to Gus Dorazio and Tony Shucco, highly-seasoned white battlers. The other defeat was a seven-round kayo suffered at the hands of Wild Bill Boyd, another dangerous white clouter.

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Bobo came back with gusto in 1941, winning 10, losing only two. One setback was on a decision to Melio Bettina, then recognized world light-heavyweight champion. The other was an eight-round kayo by Bill Poland. In 1942, he also kayoed Lem Franklin, dangerous Cleveland socker in one round—a thriller!

The Boyd kayo of 1940 was sweetly avenged by Bobo in his busy year of 1941. He stopped the big fellow in a single round and, almos as swiftly, disposed of another former conqueror, Poland, in six rounds

Bobo's last three fights saw him kayo Claudio Villar, only to be "ex-communicated" from the good graces of his home State last August when it was ruled that Harry's vision was defective . . . after which he whipped Buddy Walker of Columbus, for the duration heavyweight championship of Ohio, and Alfred (Big Boy) Brown of Baltimore, cousin of Joe Louis, for the duration title of Maryland.

There are plenty of keen and seasoned fistic experts who rate Harry Bobo the best heavyweight on the scene after Joe Louis and Billy Conn entered the Armed Forces—and from this corner exudes hearty agreement. The amiable big boy who scales 208 and ranges 6 feet 4 inches in height, had "plenty on the ball."

Search Harry's record—you will find that, in his short pro career, the 22-year-old giant "went to bat" 33 times, winning 28 fights and losing but five. He scored 16 kayos.

Touted kayo victims of Bobo include Wild Bill Boyd, Lem Franklin, Al Blake, Tommy Beach, Blondy Ryan, Young Jack Johnson and Eddie Jackson—all in one round; Lee Savold, Lloyd Clements, Eddie Boyle and Dan Merritt—all in two cantos; Al Hart, Villar and Jack Wofford—all in three stanzas; Armand Roy in four, Poland in six, Al Delaney and Paul Hartnek, both in eight chukkers.

Decisioned victims include such touted names as Buddy Walker, Big Boy Brown, Lee Savold, Henry Cooper, Joe O'Gatti, Gunnar Barlund and Gus Dorazio.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Dodds Beaten in A. A. U. Mile by Dixon, Freshman of N. Y. U.

FEB 28 1943

New York, Feb. 27 (AP). — Frank Dixon, New York university freshman, stood up under a burning first half pace by defending Champion Gil Dodds and then came from behind with a blazing last lap kick to win the featured mile championship of the National A. A. U. indoor track meet in 4:09.6 in Madison Square Garden tonight.

New York university halted the New York Athletic club's 11 year reign as team champion by one point, 27 to 26. Fordham was third with 14 points.

A crowd of 14,000 watched Dodds, defending champion from Boston, rip off the first quarter in 59.6 seconds and whirl past the half-mile marker in 2:00.8—probably the fastest first half clocking ever made in major mile competition.

Dodds held a lead of a good 15 yards over Earl Mitchell of Indiana at the half way mark with Dixon another 10 yards back. The New York university Negro moved up to second place four laps from home, but he still was 18 yards off the pace at the end of the third quarter, when Dodds was clocked in 3:05.1.

Dixon Wins By 2 Yards

The defending champion tired rapidly, but he had 12 yards to spare as they swung into the final turn. Dixon slowly closed in, caught Gil on the final bend and forged in front to win by 2 yards. Dodds was clocked in 4:09.

Greg Rice, the chesty little Notre Dame alumnus, racked up his 60th straight victory with his fourth successive triumph in the 3 mile title run. He finished nearly a quarter of a mile in front of his nearest rival—Bill Marr of New York university—as he was clocked in 13:53.5.

Warmerdam Sets Record.

Cornelius Warmerdam cleared 15 feet in the pole vault for the 28th time in setting a new meet record of 15 feet 3⅞ inches. The Piedmont, Cal., school teacher failed in three attempts to better his own international standard of 15 feet 7¼ inches, missing his last try by the width of the proverbial hair. Last year's champion, A. Richmond Morcom of New Hampshire, and William Moore of Drake tied for second at 14 feet.

With a world record equaling performance, Herbert Thompson of the Jersey City department of recreation won the sprint crown for the third time in five years. The fast starting Negro got a jump on the gun and sped down the 60 yard straightaway in 6.1 seconds to take the title he first won in 1939 and again in 1941.

Summaries:

35 POUND WEIGHT THROW—Won by Henry Dryer, New York A. C.; Stan Johnson, Bath, Me., second; Frank Berst, New York A. C., third; Niles Perkins, Bath, Me., fourth; Bill Fischer, Harvard, fifth. Distance, 55 feet 3⅞ inches.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP—Won by Pvt. Nodwood Ewell, Camp Lee, Va.; Russell Thomas, Jeanette, Pa., Harriers, second; A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire third; Eulace Peacock, Manhattan Beach coast guard, fourth. Distance, 23 feet 8 inches

60 YARD DASH—Won by Herbert Thompson., Jersey City department of recreation; Pvt. Norwood Ewell, Camp Lee, Va., second; Harold Stickel, unattached, Pittsburgh, Pa., third. Time, :06.1 [New meet record; equals world indoor record. Old meet record :06.2.]

60 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Robert Wright, Columbus, O.; Charles Hlad, Chicago, second; Edward Dugger, Dayton, O. third, Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace, fourth. Time, :07.4.

1,000 YARD RUN—Won by James Raferty, New York A. C.; Joseph Nowicki, Fordham, second; William Hulse, New York A. C., third; Harold L. Eisehhart, Port Clinton, O., fourth. Time, 2:12.8.

ONE MILE RUN—Won by Frank Dixon, New York U.; Gilbert Dodds, Boston A. A. second; Don Burnham, Dartmouth, third; Earl Mitchell, Indiana, fourth. Time, 4:09.9.

16 POUND SHOT PUT—Won by Bernard Mayer, New York U.; James Delaney, Notre Dame, second; Irving Kintisch, N. Y. U., third; James E. Deal, New York A. C., fourth. Distance, 52 feet 4⅜ inches.

69 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Harold Stickel, Pittsburgh; Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace, second; Charles Hlad, Chicago, third; Robert Wright, Columbus, O., fourth. Time, 6.9 seconds.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY [440, 100, 220, 300]—Won by Fordham [Albert Hayden, Frank Keane, Donald Leahy, Robert Stuart]; New York U. team A, second; St. John's, third; New York U. team B, fourth. Time, 1:59.

600 YARD RUN—Won by Lewis Smith, Prairie View college, Hempstead, Tex.; Charles Beetham, Iowa City, second; James Herbert, Grand Street Boys, New York, third; John Kelly, New York A. C., fourth. Time, 1:13.

TWO MILE RELAY—Won by New York U. [George Carpozi, Raymond Zoellner, Frank Dixon, Henry Eckert]; Fordham, second; St. John's, third. Time, 7:50.

ONE MILE WALK—Won by Sune Carlsson, Sweden; Joséph Medgyesi, New York A. C., second; William Mihalo, Detroit, third; Daniel Dunn, New York A. C., fourth. Time, 7:20.4.

POLE VAULT—Won by Cornelius Warmerdam, San Francisco Olympic club, 15 feet 3⅞ inches [new championship record, old record 14 feet 4⅝ inches by Earle Meadows]; A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire, and William Moore, Drake university, tied for second; Warren Broemel, Columbia, fourth.

THREE MILE RUN—Won by J. Gregory Rice, New York A. C.; William Marr, New York university, second; Cornelius Styers, New York U., third; Arthur Schmidlein, New York A. C., fourth. Time, 13:53.5.

ONE MILE RELAY—Won by Seton Hall [Robert Sovetts, Daniel van Dorpe, Robert Ranier, George Stafurik]; Fordham, second; Villanova, third; New York U., fourth. Time, 3:23.3.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP—Tie for first between William Vessie, Columbia, and Joshua Williamson, Camp Pickett, Virginia; tie for third between A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire, and John Vislocky Jr., Portsmouth, Va., coast guard. Height, 6 feet 6 inches.

TEAM SCORING: New York university, 27; New York A. C., 26; Fordham, 14; Camp Lee, Virginia, 8; Columbia and New Hampshire, 6 each; Jersey City recreational department, Seton Hall, San Francisco Olympic club, and Prairie View college, 5 each; Bath, Me., Iron Works, Camp Pickett, Virginia, and Baldwin-Wallace, 4 each; Jeannette, Pa., Harriers, Boston A. A., and Notre Dame, 3 each; Drake university, 2½; Grand Street Boys and Dartmouth, 2 each; Portsmouth, Va., coast guard, 1½; Indiana and Manhattan Beach coast guard, 1 each.

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To Joe Williams: Are These 'Bums' Too?

Herb Thompson Ties World Mark As Negro Aces Win 5 'Firsts'

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By Phil Gordon

For the fourth consecutive week of this championship track season, Negro runners have practically dominated the scene. Here are some of the Negro winners: Dixon in the Mile. Pvt. Barney Ewell in the running broad jump, Herb Thompson in the 60 yard dash in the world record time of 6.1 seconds (ties the mark), the superb athletes and competitors. Of the 11 events of the meet, Negro athletes took no less than SIX first place, and Lewis Smith who took Dixon's victory in the mile to Herb Williamson tied with Bill Jessie for first in the high jump, in which Joshua Wilkinson won the pole vault and Thompson's record - shattering win in the Garden. Besides these firsts, Negro athletes took five seconds, about six thirds and many others. In the mile relay, won by Seton Hall and NYU, no less than six Negro runners starred. the three mile race respectively. All in all, quite an achievement for Warmerdam did 15 feet 3¾ inches one night's work, the 29th time he has done over 15 feet, of course, were Rice in the three mile, lapped in the 60 yard run in his first race Non Negro stars of the incom- the entire field three times!

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Smitty's Sports - Spurts

By WENDELL SMITH

Our Latin-American Goodwill Program Creates Problem for Negro Baseball

FEB 20 1943

For years now owners of teams in organized Negro baseball have been competing with owners in Mexico for the ranking sepia players. Almost yearly the Senors who deal in baseball down in Mexico snatch up some of our best players and transport them to foreign shores. This competition has been a constant worry of American owners because no sooner than they develop an outstanding player, the Senors step in and pull a snatch.



Wendell Smith

In fact, the Senors—who have plenty of pesos—go so far as to send scouts here to look over our best players, and if they find any they want, take 'em back home. The best known players in this country have succumbed to Mexican offers. Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Johnny "Schoolboy" Taylor, Ray Dandridge and a host of others have played in Mexico.

Last year the Newark Eagles were victims of the Mexican snatch when Ray Dandridge quit in the middle of the season and went to play for the Senors. His departure resulted in a big hole in the Newark infield and might explain why the Eagles didn't win the pennant. Before the scrimmage started across the big pond, the owners of Negro teams in this country often appealed to Mr. Sumner Welles and the State Department for help. Mr. Welles and his department stepped in more than once and helped out considerably. Two years ago the Homestead Grays threatened to drag Josh Gibson into court if he didn't come back home. Josh quit the Grays after signing a contract and went to Mexico to play for something like $6,000, which was offered him after he had signed with the Grays. I understand that the Grays appealed to Mr. Welles in that particular case.

Problem Was Almost Solved by Owners Here When United States Went to War

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The owners in this country had just about solved the problem when the war started. Few players had gone to Mexico the year before the war, and it appeared for a while that they had the situation under control. However, when the big fuss started this government launched its gigantic "Goodwill" program in Latin America, and now it's started all over again. It is doubtful that Mr. Welles or anyone else in the government will become involved in the situation now, because we aren't going to do anything in Mexico but spread goodwill. And if there is anything that will get under the Senors' skins, it's snatching back the Negro players that they snatched.



Ray Dandridge

Among the baseball people here more than a little concerned about this problem which involves international complications is Mrs. Effa Manley, one of the bosses of the Newark Eagles. "I have not given up on the Mexican situation," writes Mrs. Manley. "We are still working on it. However, it seems to be a bad time now to ask the government to argue with our nextdoor neighbor or even take a chance on displeasing him."

It looks like the war has played right into the Senors' hands. They're planning on raiding our shores again this year, and Mrs. Manley isn't sure we can do anything about it.

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Negro Baseball Must Now Figure Out How to Operate Under War Restrictions

"The biggest problem seems to be Mexico," she confesses. "They are planning to take our men the same as before, and I understand the men are willing and ready to go. If they do go, and the Army continues to take them, plus the suspension on night baseball in the East, we are going to have a difficult time operating. Besides that, many of our players have good jobs in defense plants and are making good money. The salaries will be hard to match, insofar as Negro baseball is concerned. So I guess we'll just wait and see. It will probably be a big gamble if we operate. We will be willing, however, if the other owners are."

If the Mexicans insist on snatching our players, which Mrs. Manley says they're going to do, the only solution seems to be to just move our clubs to Mexico and play ball with the Senors. Of course the owners here will scoff at such a suggestion, but I wonder if they have a better one. By moving to the land of the Senors they will certainly be supporting our current "Goodwill" program, which is of the utmost importance and significance at this time.

Dixon Ran 'Perfect Race' to Win National AAU Mile Title

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

MAR 1 - 1943

By Nat Low

Glenn Cunningham, the old Kansas thunderbolt, was the past master of the "perfect mile." The barrell-chested mid-westerner ran against men, not against the clock. His perfect timing, pace and strategy hurtled him to the very pinnacle of track success and he became the most famed mile runner of our time.

Now Glenn can move over and share his throne with Frank Dixon, the solidly built Negro youngster of N. Y. who is now the first freshman ever to win the AAU national title in the mile.

Dixon did it Saturday night when he tore the heart right out of plucky Gil Dodds with as perfect a race as has ever been seen. He won it by four feet in 4:09.6—the fastest mile in his career.

Dixon's victory, which brought him a tremendous ovation from the 13,000 fans in the Garden, set a number of interesting marks.

Here are some of them. It was the first time in the history of the AAU that a Negro has won the mile. At the same time it was the first victory ever won by a freshman. It was also the second time Dixon has beaten Dodds within three weeks—something even the splendid Leslie MacMitchell could not do. And lastly, it was one of the fastest miles ever run in the AAU national championships.

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Veteran track men were in agreement after the race that it was the "perfect race." Many officials and veteran writers were amazed at the calmness with which the Negro youngster carried out his strategy—a strategy which was faultless from beginning to end.

And more amazing was still the application of that strategy to the race. It is one thing to plan strategy—it is another thing to put that strategy into effect when your opponent is an unorthodox runner who can and does upset most of his opponent's plans.

There were eight starters in the race, but it became evident early that only two of them stood a chance of winning—Dodds or Dixon.

Dodds went out early—hoping to break the backs of his opposition. He did that with the fastest half mile in history, two minutes and eight-tenths of a second.

Soon the field was spread out behind—pooped and exhausted. All but Dixon who ran smoothly and unconcerned as Dodds stretched his lead to 25 yards. Dixon was sixth for the first half mile then moved up to fourth then third behind Mitchell and Dodds.

At this point it seemed as if the Negro youngster was going to repeat his mistake of the week before by staying too far behind. But before the thought had time to percolate in the mind, Dixon started to move, opening up his stride with perfect timing—not giving too much too soon—not going too slow.

With three laps to go he had decreased the distance between himself and Dodds to 25 yards. With two laps to go he had cut it down to 18 yards and then when the gun went off for the final lap he was a scant 15 yards to the rear.

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Here the thing really burst into hot flame. Dixon started to fly like the wind, calling upon reserve energy he had so carefully nursed during the course of the race. He was neither strained nor panicky. As he moved up behind Dodds who was failing the air in desperation, the crowd let up a mighty roar that must have taken the heart of

warning or not—Dodds was unable to fly to beat off this sheer irresistible sprint of Dixon. On the back-stretch Dixon moved up to about eight yards and then swung wide around the turn in order to be in position for the last desperate drive down to the wire.

Dixon finally overtook him and every single person in the Garden knew that nothing could stop him.

His speed and power at this point were more than Dodds could withstand. Dixon ran shoulder to shoulder for a few paces then burst ahead to rip the tape as Dodds, who had been overtaking him. But marvel at the time we have just witnessed, Dodds realized that every moment was something to be remembered for a stride (the first time Dixon had ever seen a veteran runner do that) Dixon was overtaking him. But Dodds knew Dixon would not be denied. He did not panic. He did not break his stride. He did not falter. He did not look back. He did not look his quarry, but he did look over his shoulder to see how much time he had left. Dixon was unable to shake off Dodds, but Dixon who ran smoothly and unconcerned as Dodds stretched his lead to 25 yards. Dixon was sixth for the first half mile then moved up to fourth then third behind Mitchell and Dodds.

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AAU Champs

Champions crowned at the National AAU track and field games at the Garden Saturday night are:

35-Pound Weight Throw—Henry Dreyer, NYAC.

Running Broad Jump—Pvt. Barney Ewell, Camp Lee, Va.

60-Yard Dash—Herbert Thompson, Jer-Mayer, NYU.

16-Pound Shot Put—Bernard Sexy City, Recreation Department.

60-Yard High Hurdles—Robert Wright, unattached, Columbus, Ohio.

Pole Vault—Cornelius Warmerdam.

1,000-Yard Run—Jim Rafferty, NYAC.

Sprint Medley Relay—Fordham.

One-Mile Run—Frank Dixon, NYU.

60-Yard Low Hurdles—Harold S. Stickel, unattached.

Running High Jump—Joshua Williamson, Camp Pickett, Va., and William Vessi, Columbia.

600-Yard Run—Lewis Smith, Prairie View, College, Hemmstead, Texas.

Two-Mile Relay—NYU.

One-Mile Walk—Sinc Carlsson Sweden.

Three-Mile Run—Gregory Mice.

One-Mile Relay—Seton Hall.

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Washington, D. C.

1942 List of Champs in Sports

Here's the list of all Sports Champions for 1942:

BASEBALL

*NATIONAL LEAGUE—Washington Homestead Grays.
*AMERICAN LEAGUE—Kansas City Monarchs.
WORLD SERIES—Kansas City Monarchs.
EAST-WEST GAME—East 5, West 2.

BASKETBALL

Collegiate

NATIONAL—Florida A. and M.
CIAA—Virginia Union.
SIAC—Florida A. and M.
MID-WESTERN—Kentucky State.

Scholastic

NATIONAL—Sumner High (Kansas City).

Professional

*MIDDLE ATLANTIC—Washington Bears.
*EASTERN—New York Renaissance.
*WESTERN—Harlem Globetrotters.

FOOTBALL

Collegiate

NATIONAL—Florida A. and M.
*CIAA—Morgan (unofficial).
SIAC—Florida A. and M.
*MID-WESTERN—Kentucky State.
SWAC—Texas College.
SAA—Voorhees.
SEIAC—Triple tie: Allen, Ga. State, Bethune-Cookman.
*VIRGINIA—Virginia State College.
*WEST VIRGINIA—Bluefield.
NORTH CAROLINA—Johnson C. Smith.

Scholastic

NATIONAL—Stephens-Lee (Asheville, N.C.).
SAHSAC—Cardozo (Washington, D.C.).
NORTH CAROLINA—Stephens-Lee.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Mather Academy.
MARYLAND—Douglass High.
WASHINGTON—Cardozo High.

Semi-Professional

*NATIONAL—Harrisburg Trojans.
*WASHINGTON—Washington Lions.

CROSS-COUNTRY

NATIONAL AAU—Frank Dixon (New York U.).
NY METROPOLITAN—Frank Dixon.
NY METROPOLITAN INTERCOLLEGIATE—Frank Dixon.

TENNIS

American Tennis Association Championships

MEN'S SINGLES—Dr. Reginald Weir (New York).
*WOMEN'S SINGLES—Mrs. Flora Lomax (Detroit).
JUNIOR SINGLES—Richard Cunningham (Cleveland).
VETERAN SINGLES—John B. Garrett (Tuskegee).
BOYS' SINGLES—Matthews Branche (Tuskegee).
GIRLS' SINGLES—Nana Davis (Elizabeth, N.J.).
MEN'S DOUBLES—Clifford Russell-Howard Minnis (Tuskegee).
WOMEN'S DOUBLES—Mrs. Lomax-Lillian Van Buren (Detroit).
JUNIOR DOUBLES—DeWitt Willis-Jefferson Craig (Plainsfield, N.J.).
MIXED DOUBLES—Katherine Jones (Springfield, Mass.) and William Jones (Baltimore).

BOXING

Professional

*HEAVYWEIGHT—Sgt. Joe Louis, United States Army.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga.
FEATHERWEIGHT (NBA)—Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson.

National AAU

175-POUND—Robert Foxworth, St. Louis.

TRACK AND FIELD

National AAU Outdoor

800 METERS—John Borican (Asbury Park, A.C.).
HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern University).
CROSS-COUNTRY—Frank Dixon, unattached, N.Y.

National AAU Indoor

60 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern U.) and Joshua William son (Asbury Park A.C.).

National AAU Women (Outdoor)

50 METERS—Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg, A.C.
100 METERS—Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute.
80-METER HURDLES—Lillian Purifoy, Tuskegee Institute.
*400-METER RELAY—Tuskegee Institute.
EIGHT-POUND SHOT—Romana Harris.
*TEAM TITLE—Tuskegee Institute.

Intercollegiate AAAA Outdoor

*100 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
*220 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
*BROAD JUMP—Barney Ewell (Penn. State).
CROSS-COUNTRY—Frank Dixon (New York U.)

Intercollegiate AAA Indoor

60 YARDS—William Carter (Pittsburgh U.).
BROAD JUMP—Barney Ewell (Penn State).

National Collegiate AA Outdoor

HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern U.).

Time
Chicago, Illinois
Negro Miler
JAN 8 1943

Negroes have long led the U.S. field in sprinting and jumping. But until last week no Negro boy had ever won a U.S. championship for the mile. Now the Negroes have broken in there too, thanks to New York University's Frank T. Dixon 3rd, 20-year-old son of a onetime Butler University track star.

At the National A.A.U. meet in Manhattan's Madison Square Garden, young Dixon ran a tactically perfect race, showing the stamina gained in years of cross-country running. He kept well behind Defending Champion Gilbert Dodds, the Boston divinity student who invariably sets an exhausting pace from gun to gun. At least 12 yards behind as they went into the final lap, Dixon came through with a finishing kick that beat Dodds by a full yard. Time: 4 min. 9.6 sec.—only 2.2 seconds behind the world's indoor record. If Frank Dixon was not a Jesse Owens of the Mile, he was decidedly impressive.



CLOSE FINISH—Herbert Thompson (right), Jersey City, N. J., wins the 50-yard dash at the Boston A.A. track meet. Edward Conwell (second from left) trailed by few inches.

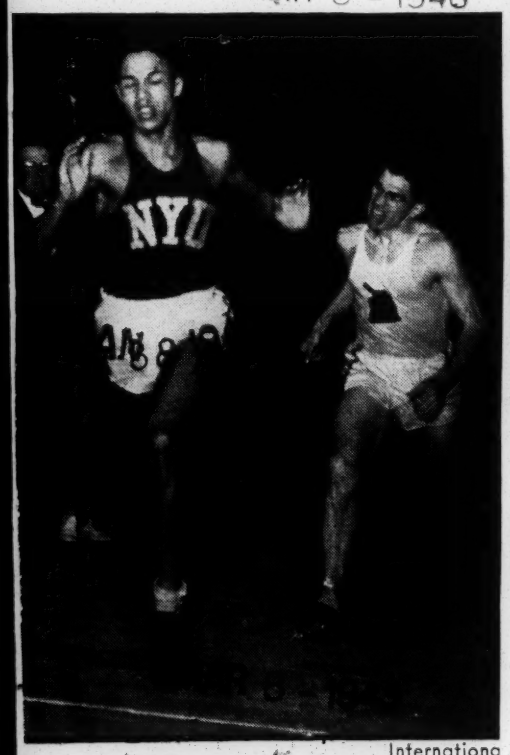
Birmingham News, Ala.
FEB 22 1943

Two other A.A.U. performers, old hands at their specialties, shared the crowd's cheers:

▶ Pole Vaulter Cornelius Warmerdam, making his last Eastern appearance of the season (he is too serious about his school-teaching at Piedmont, Calif., to ask for more than two leaves during the school year), left all opponents behind at the 14-ft. level, cleared the bar at 15 ft. 3⅞ in. It was his 28th vault above 15 ft.

▶ Gregory Rice lapped the field three times in winning the three-mile championship for the fourth year in a row. Time: 13 min. 53.7 sec. It was the first time Rice had failed to set a new world's record at the A.A.U. meet. Probable reason: during the last mile and a half one spike worked up through his shoe.

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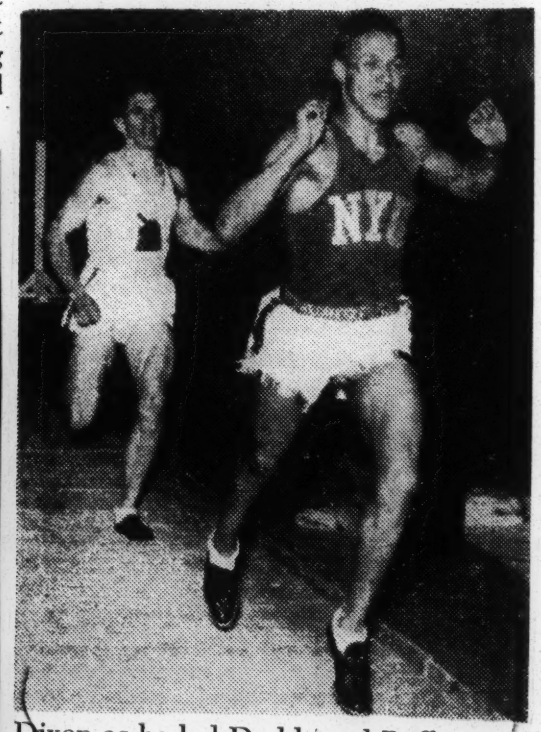
DIXON BEATING DODDS
He outpaced a pacer.

Dixon Sews Up Indoor Mile Title

NYU's 20-year-old freshman, Frank Dixon, became the miler of the year with his victory in the K. of C. meet last week-end. His three-yard victory over Gil Dodds in 4:08.6 was his third score of the year in a major meet. He holds the National AAU indoor title and before that won the Hunter Mile at the Boston AA meet.

It might be kind to say Dixon is the type of runner who thrives on competition, but it would be truer to say that right now his legs are away ahead of his running savvy. Frank's lack of experience isn't necessarily because of his youth—he simply hasn't run enough races at the distance to command every situation. That's why Don Burnham, of Dartmouth, whose best mile is about 25 yards short of Dixon's best, beat him for the intercollegiate title. In a field short of the speedsters who have been fighting it out for open events, Burnham slowed Dixon to his own pace and then outfooted him in the run home—although not by much.

The Negro has plenty of natural speed and doesn't have to depend on the others running themselves into the ground to win his races. A year ago, running for St. Francis Prep in Brooklyn, he ran the fastest mile ever registered in schoolboy competition to win the National AAU interscholastic title.



Dixon as he led Dodds and Rafferty to the tape in Columbian Mile.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

SOLDIER FLOORED BY HARLEM BOXER

FEB 21 1943

Wilson, Down for Count of 9 in 4th, Rallies, but Split Award Goes to Robinson

OWN ATTACK SLOWS RAY

Tiring Pace Keeps Him From Finishing Rival—Program Aids Paralysis Fund

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Ray Robinson came back to Madison Square Garden and his winning ways last night in a ten-round bout with Sergeant Jackie Wilson of Mitchel Field and California, a contest waged in the interests of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

However, the lad who a short time back was thought invincible had to extend himself to the limit to win a divided decision. Missing a knockout victory in the fourth round because he sagged under the fury of his own effort, Robinson tired badly thereafter and worked in spurts.

Nevertheless he did enough fighting to win in his first effort since he suffered his only professional defeat several weeks ago at the hands of Jacob La Motta. A throng of 16,336 fans paid $47,683 to see the match.

Judge George Kelly voted for a draw. Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Bill Healy voted for Robinson, Fullam by a count of five rounds to three, with two even, and Healy by six rounds to four. Kelly's scoring slip had a vote of five and five, in accord with the writer's.

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Decision Found Fair

The decision was fair, but reflected how Robinson had his work cut out for him. He had his big moment in the fourth when he floored Wilson under a fusillade of rights and lefts after rocking him with a sharp left hook and right cross to the jaw. Wilson took a count of nine and was blasted through the rest of the round as Robinson fought savagely for a knockout and spent himself.

Wilson finished the round by driving a few feeble rights to his rival's ribs as Robinson fell into a clinch for a breather. Through the fifth, sixth and seventh Robinson, plainly weary, was pounded steadily about the midsection until forced to hold.

At long range, however, Wilson was inaccurate. He missed many darting rights for the jaw, the blow invariably landing on the head. Robinson thus was able to come on through the ninth session with a surprising rally. He rocked Wilson in the first minute of the round and again in last.

Tired at Finish

When he tried to continue this pace in the tenth, Robinson wearied again and he was a tired little fighter at the bell.

The bout started off with Robinson like the Robinson of old. He hit Wilson with everything but the water bucket in the first two rounds, and after making the mistake of letting the soldier special-size in close-range fighting in the third, came back in the fourth to approach a knockout victory.

The effort of this futile bid almost proved costly, but Robinson had enough in reserve to win by a shade, by no means convincingly.

Robinson weighed 142½ pounds and said he was too "fine." Wilson's weight was 142¼.

Sonny Horne, 158½, Niles, Ohio, rallied to win the decision over Marvin Bryant, 156½, Dallas, Texas, in the eight-round semi-final.

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Joe Carter, 157, Rome, N. Y., proved too active and strong for Johnny Seeman, 163¾, Boston, in their six-round bout and received the decision. Gus Levine Coen, 125¾, Harlem, and Victor Resto, 122¾, Puerto Rico, fought a six-round draw.

In a scheduled four-round bout that closed the program, Bobby Gunter, 132, Detroit, knocked out Eddie Dowl, 133, Newark, in 2:43 of the second round.

In the opening battle of four rounds Bernie Bernard, 125¾, East Side, outpointed Clyde English, 124¾, Brooklyn.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Robinson Is Winner

FEB 27 1943

Comes Off Floor To Whip La Motta

By United Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, Harlem's uncrowned king of the welterweights, headed for the Army in a happy mood today after revenging himself on Jake La Motta, the rugged New Yorker who snapped the dancing dynamiter's impressive victory string.

FEB 27 1943

Floored in the seventh round for an eight count Sugar Ray fought back fiercely the rest of the way to win a close but unanimous decision last night over the free-swinging middleweight.

For Robinson it was retaliation against the man who handed him his only defeat in 133 amateur and professional fights. The slender Negro, who enters the Army as a buck private next week, decisioned La Motta in New York last October but the Bronx Battler outpointed Robinson here three weeks ago.

A crowd of 15,149 spectators, who paid $60,700 to see the bout, watched Sugar Ray pile up an early lead principally on a stabbing left. La Motta's rushing attack caught Robinson in the third but the pride of Harlem blasted back with both hands to take the fourth.

The fifth was even but La Motta took the sixth and seventh, belting Robinson to the canvas for an eight count in the latter round. The knockdown came when La Motta swept over a crashing left to the face. Sugar Ray had trouble coming out of it, and staying on his feet, as La Motta rushed in with a fruitless attempt for a knockout.

Then Robinson came back to win the ninth and La Motta took a slight edge in the final round.

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Many of the fans booed the decision. Referee Sam Hennessey gave Robinson the first, second, fourth, fifth and ninth rounds, calling the third and eight even.

Robinson, a 6 to 5 favorite, weighed 145 pounds against La Motta's 160 3-4. Both fighters received 30 per cent of the gate.

Pittsburgh Courier.PA.

Dixon, Conwell, Halliburton Score In Track Meet

JAN 30 1943

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—Frank Dixon, Edward Conwell ... Twice ... and Warren Haliburton, sepia stars of the cinder path, ... showed a choice field their heels to chalk up glorious new ... triumphs in the final half of the Metropolitan AAU track ... and field championships before a ... shivering gathering of thin clad ... spectators at Columbia's ... Field last Saturday. ... Dixon, N. Y. U. cross-country ... kid, won the three-mile run, ... on in the ... ond fastest ... Metropolitan ... favorably ... by Greg R... at the dist... defend this ... jured tend... ing Dixon's ... triumph ... N. Y. U. ... in the first ... in winning ... son, Conwell ... Recreation ... former national indoor title ... by one foot and was clock... the excellent time of 6.3 sec... at any rate, he didn't run much ... finishing fourth. He said he had ... to get to his postoffice job before ... the final.

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AFL Union Urges Local 9's Tryout Negro Aces

The Daily Worker MAY 8 1943

New York, N. Y. MAY 8 1943

Urging the Giants, Dodgers and Yankees to tryout Negro stars which would "be a tremendous lift in the morale of millions of Negroes as well as whites," Local 107 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, AFL, yesterday sent a letter to the owners of the three New York clubs. Here is the text of the letter as written by Rubin Marcus, Business Agent of the Local:

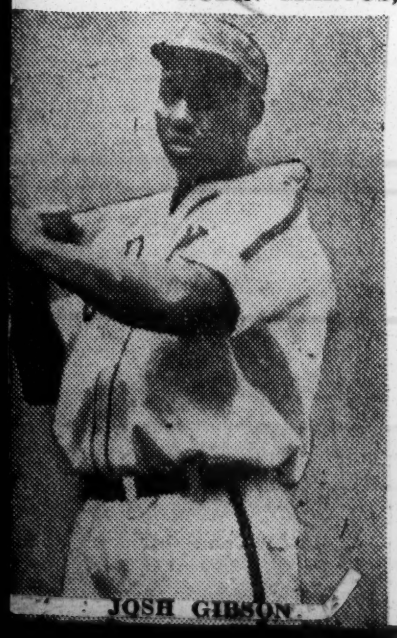
Dear Sir: MAY 8 1943

Our country is engaged in a Peoples War against fascism. It is important that in waging this war we have the unstinting support of all the peoples. MAY 8 1943

There would be a tremendous lift in the morale of millions of Negroes as well as whites if you would have the courage to break through the undemocratic, unwritten law of professional baseball which bans the hiring of Negro ballplayers in the major leagues. We know that ballplayers of the caliber of Josh Gibson, Ray Brown, Buck Leonard and Satchel Paige can easily fill the shoes of great ballplayers like Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Pete Reiser and Charley Ruffing, who have been drafted from our national pastime to slug and pitch in the biggest, most important World Series our country has ever been in. MAY 8 1943

Certainly in this fight against enslavement the hiring of Negro ballplayers would play an important role. Our Union urges you to immediately give tryouts to Negro ball players.

Sincerely yours,
RUBIN MARCUS,



JOSH GIBSON

RING UPSET SCORED BY PHILADELPHIAN

New York Times MAY 23 1943

New Champion, Entering Bout 13-5 Underdog, Drops Rival to Glove Tips in 11th

New York, N. Y.

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

After absorbing a first-round beating that threatened to blast him into quick submission, Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia struck back against Beau Jack so effectively as to win the decision in the fifteen-round bout that featured the card at Madison Square Garden last night.

The decision was not all that Montgomery won, for when the fight started Jack was the lightweight champion of the world. But before Announcer Harry Balogh was able to inform the crowd of the outcome everybody in the house, most particularly Montgomery, knew that the lightweight division had a new champion.

The decision in favor of the new titleholder was unanimous and there was not a single dissenting voice in the building when the result was made known. The 13-5 underdog in the betting, Montgomery had a clear edge over his foe from Augusta, Ga., who was engaging in the first defense of the crown that he had won last December. MAY 23 1943

Jack's Punches Ineffective

Montgomery's greater knowledge of boxing, coupled with Jack's almost complete lack of punching power, enabled the former to ascend to the title. Jack, victor in his last sixteen fights, hit his opponent with all he had countless times, but the blows apparently had little effect on Montgomery, who absorbed them without flinching while returning a punishing fire.

Although the bout contained few spectacular moments, it was hard fought and the crowd of 18,343 that paid $94,500.78 was interested throughout the fifteen rounds. The nearest approach to a knockdown came in the eleventh, when Montgomery shot a right to the forehead and sent Jack to his glove tips. The latter was up without a count. MAY 23 1943

When the bell sent the gladiators into action, the spectators were preparing themselves for an early departure. For Jack, from the first second, sailed into his opponent and flailed away with a right uppercut that Montgomery could not evade. Time and time again the champion hit Bob squarely on the chin and all signs pointed to the challenger's making a quick trip to the floor.

Hard Rights Open Cut

But Jack's punches, while eye-catching and sharp, were unbelievably puny and had little effect on his opponent. As a matter of fact, Montgomery took command near the end of the session, sending several rights to the head hard enough to open a cut over Jack's left eye.

Montgomery remained in charge in the second and third, making Jack lead and skillfully countering with rights to the head. But Jack, always willing to carry the action, prevailed in the fourth and fifth, when he outscored Bob with his windmill delivery.

Montgomery's sharper punching earned him the next two rounds, but Jack came back to take the eighth, on the strength of his many lefts to the head. However, Montgomery was much the fresher in the ninth and had little trouble tagging Jack. In the tenth the Philadelphian almost flattened Jack with a heavy right to the jaw.

The weakened Beau floundered through the eleventh, going to his glove tips when Bob hit him on the head emerging from a clinch. Still the champion had plenty of courage and he surprised all on hand by outpunching Bob in the twelfth. MAY 23 1943

Montgomery Weighs 134

It was his last strong gesture, though, for the Philadelphian had the edge in the last three chapters. Montgomery weighed 134 pounds and Jack scaled 135.

Mayon Padlo, 148, a hard-hitting Philadelphian, defeated Marvin Bryant, 155, of Dallas in the sixth-round semi-final. The battle was close, with Padlo's sharper punching earning him the award.

Georgie Kochan, 164¾, of Akron, Ohio, who now is in the Coast Guard, registered a three-round knockout over Johnny Seeman, 167¾, of Boston in a scheduled six.

Jerry Fiorello, 154, Brooklyn, outpunched Freddie Flores, 158¾, Puerto Rico, in a well-fought six-rounder. MAY 23 1943

Fred Addeo, 138½, Brooklyn, fought a draw with Johnny Price, 136, Montreal, in a six-rounder. A four-rounder between Jackie Floyd, 127¾, Philadelphia, and Charley Lewis, 124¼, Brooklyn, also resulted in a draw.

In the opening four-rounder Oscar Wright, 137, Washington, fought a draw with Ruby Garcia, 138½, Puerto Rico.

Armstrong Knocks Out Larkin In 2nd Round

Chicago Defender MAR 20 1943

Chicago, Illinois—

SAN FRANCISCO.—Henry Armstrong, former triple world title holder, smacked over Tippy Larkin of New Jersey for the count of ten in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder here on Monday night, March 8, before 8,000 fans. The white boy took the count in one minute and nine seconds of the second stanza. MAR 20 1943

Armstrong, who fights Beau Jack in New York on Friday, April 2, was on the short end of the first round when Larkin used his height and reach to good advantage. He scored with a number of long lefts and now and then a right.

Henry came out from his corner in the second round with his old-time rushing tactics. Surprised, Larkin dropped his guard and Henry clouted him with a hard right which turned Larkn around. Then Armstrong biffed him with a terrific left which sent Larkin to the canvas for the full count. His seconds had to drag him to his corner. MAR 20 1943

Armstrong weighed 139 pounds to Larkin's 141. The victory sent Armstrong's stock up again. He lost to Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., the week before. His manager, George Moore, declares the bout should not have counted inasmuch as Henry had not fully recovered from a tonsil operation. At that he broke Joyce's jaw and the Gary-ite will be out of the ring eight weeks.

PRO AND CON IN SPORTS

Weekly Review MAY 15 1943

Birmingham Ala.

FRANK L. WARD
(For Calvin's News Service)

NEW YORK CITY — (Calvin's News Service) . . . BOXING: A triple headline adomed the sports pages of the nations dailies last Saturday morning . . . And to the Pleasure of this pen-pusher they were all sepia toned. Just to see them in print again they appeared in this fashion in the New York Daily Mirror; RAY HANK BY K.O.; MONTY WINS DECISIONS. That's a lot of fighting in any language.

Now to get down to the fasts of of the case. Up Boston's way, Pvt. Ray Robinson, the Harlem Ace who has won all but one out of 135 amateur and professional bouts, keeled over Freddie Cabral of Cambridge in 3:20 of a 10 round main event at the Boston Garden . . . . MAY 15 1943

Down on the Mason-Dixon Line (that's D. C.) the little man who "goes on forever," Henry Armstrong, scored a T-k-o- over Saverio Turiello of New York, finishing him off in the fifth of their scheduled 10 round fuss, Hank had his opponent down twice during the five heats ,once in the 4th and one in the 5th before Referee Eddie Lefand stopped the bout. MAY 15 1943

In Scranton, Pa., Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia's lightweight hope, added another tune-up victim to his credit before meeting the lightweight champ. Beau Jack, May 21, by out pointing Gene Johnson of Elizabeth, New Jersey in a 10 rounder at the the Scranton Armory.

Montgomery, so far a 2 to 1 underdog for the May 21 championship fight, they may enter the ring more than even figures in the face of his recent record.

Satchel Paige's Kansas City Monarchs pitching talent at the Ethiopian Clowns from Cincinnati when they archs. This year he will be able to invade Rickwood Field the coming day as Dizzy Bankhead, Alvin Gipson, Lefty McInnis and Johnny Markham. All these pitchers have been service in the Negro American League and have worked on the mound for Welch. Schoolboy Newberry. Leo Reed and Jones Miles are also available among the new pitchers joining up with the Black Barons.

Cincinnati is the Clowns home city this year, and they have for their first time a franchise in the Negro American League.

Cincinnati Meet Locals In Double Bill Sunday

W. S. Welch, manager of the Black Barons, is practically the only one in baseball who can boast the same pitching staff this year as finished up the season in 1942. The Black Baron generalissimo has been extremely fortunate in keeping most of his effective hurlers, and will be able to throw plenty

Birmingham, Ala. News

Black Barons Have Wealth Of Veteran Pitchers On Staff

Ethiopian Clowns Of

'NEGROES SAVED BOXING..WOULD SAVE BASEBALL'--ART COHN

Pittsburgh Courier — Pittsburgh Sun

Sports Editor of Oakland Tribune Asks Owner of Pacific Coast League Team in Oakland, Calif., to Strengthen Hapless "Oaks" With Capable Negro Players

APR 24 1943

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is an excerpt from the column of Art Cohn, sports editor of the Oakland (California) Tribune. Last week in his column "Co-n-ing Tower," Mr. Cohn cited the poor spring record of the Oakland baseball team which is a member of the Pacific Coast league. We reproduce this article because it not only cites the injustice of the jim-crow ban in organized baseball but also because Mr. Cohn substantiates the contention of thousands of Americans that the men who control and operate baseball have practiced discrimination without ever giving the fans of the nation a chance to express their views on it. The article was written after the Oakland nine defeated a pickup Negro team on Sunday, April 11.

The article follows:

NEGROES COULD SAVE OAKS

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It is, in a way, a pity the Oaks had to beat a pickup Negro sandlot team yesterday at the ball park. It spoiled a dandy story.

Until yesterday, what promises to be the worst club in Oakland baseball history had lost seven out of eight exhibtion games this spring, a tragic series that reached a new high in low when the so-called Coast leaguers were skunked by the University of California kiddies, 9-0.

"No field, no hit," was the team's obituary.

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And no pitching.

The Oaks are in a bad way and no one knows it better than Vic Devincenzi, the owner. The good man is desperate. And he is. He needs players but he has no one to turn to. Everyone else needs players too.

As the team stands, it has no more right in the Coast league than Murph, the newsboy, has in Harvard.

There is a solution but the Oaks don't want to hear about it.

Who saved prize-fighting? I'll tell you—

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Beau Jack, Henry Armstrong, Jimmy Bivins, Earl Turner, Sugar Robinson, Jackie Wilson, Lloyd Marshall, Cocoa Kid, Willie Joyce, Slugger White, Turkey Thompson, Charley Burley . .

Negroes all.

They kept Madison Square garden open. They kept Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Detroit and hundreds of other fight towns alive.

Without Negroes, boxing would have collapsed last year. With them it is enjoying its greatest boom in two decades.

What they have done for boxing they could do for baseball—if baseball would let them. But baseball won't. Even though Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, it double grand llama, publicly ratified the Emancipation Proclamation last summer.

Three or four Negro players could save the Oakland ball club. But they won't even consider signing a Negro. That is the unwritten law of organized baseball—bar the Negro.

That is why it is a little sad that Negro club had to blow the duke to the Oaks yesterday. It spoiled a swell argument, though it proved nothing.

NECESSITY MOTHER OF TOLERANCE

APR 24 1943

Any day now the Negro press will call Judge Landis' bluff.

A national drive to get Negroes into pro baseball—because of the scarcity of white players—will be touched off. Matter of fact, representatives of two national Negro newspapers, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Los Angeles, called on Johnny Vergez, the Oak manager, yesterday to put the argument before him.

It is too bad that the Negro is not allowed in baseball on his merits. It is a sad commentary on American "tolerance" that even if the bars are lowered it will be only because of the shortage of white players.

Baseball has never asked the public what its feelings were on the subject. Baseball is above that. Baseball arbitrarily bars Negroes and answers to no one for the discrimination.

The fans who pay the freight? Let 'em take what they get, and like it that's baseball's attitude.

What matters that the Oak infield is a sieve, the outfield arthritic and the battery dead? The essential thing is the players are white.

That the fans would rather see younger, more brilliant Negroes taking over for some of the ancients is ignored by the owners. All they know is that the "National Pastime" is restricted to [illegible] players, war or no war. [illegible]t even a war for the Four [illegible]doms.

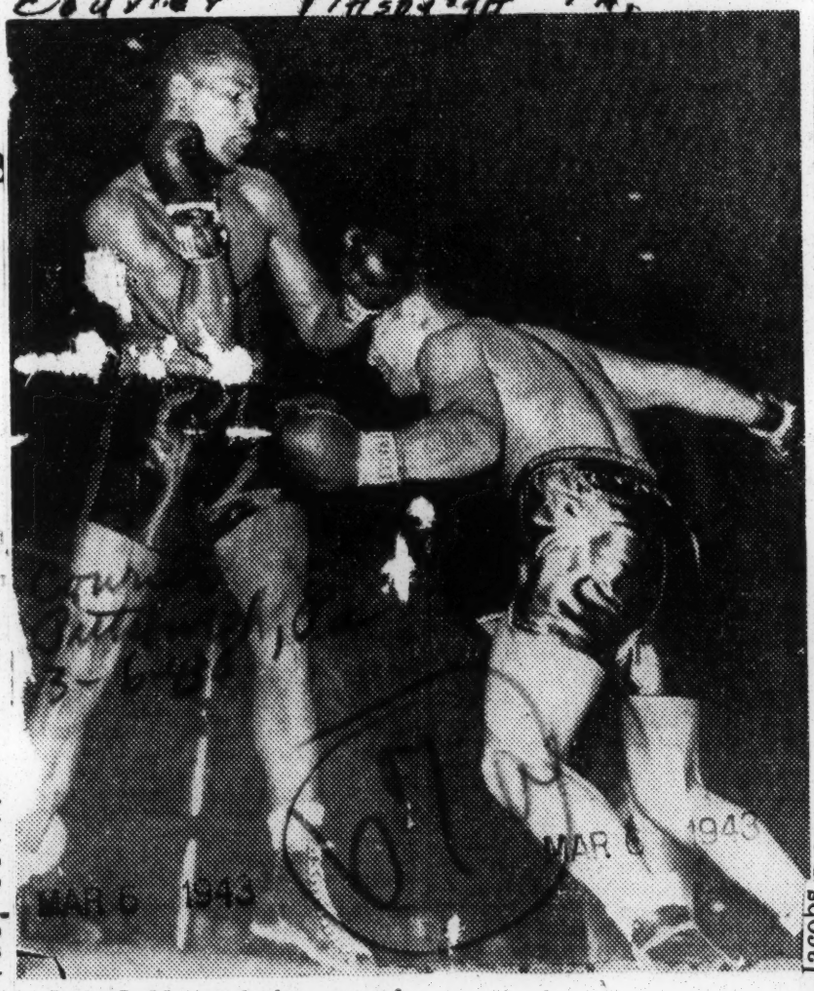
Devincenzi could make himself the biggest man in baseball by calling Judge Landis' bluff and hiring a Negro player, the first in organized ball.

After all, Landis did say there was no rule prohibiting Negro players.

And certainly Devincenzi cannot deny that the Oaks need players, any color.

ROBINSON TURNS TABLES ON LA MOTTA

Courier Pittsburgh Pa.



Jack LaMotta ducks one of Ray Robinson's left hooks and gets set to throw his own left into Robinson's midsection during their 10-round return bout in Detroit last Friday. Robinson avenged his first defeat of three weeks ago as he battered the heavier Italian to win the decision.—International News photo.

Worker N. Y.

the LOWDOWN

Hanging Out the Monday Morning Sports World Wash

NAT LOW

Let's take a fist trip around the sports circuit and pick up the interesting bits which have been accumulating. . . .

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The aura of invincibility which had been built up around Willie Pep, the feath[illegible] weight king of the world, [illegible]s [illegible]t wearing off to the point where the boys on Jacobs Beach are beginning to realize the guy is just very good and not great as they have been claiming in the past. . . . Willie had a narrow squeeze winning from Sal Bartola the other night in Boston and let it be said that Bartola has never been more than a run-of-the-mill fighter. . . . This performance, coupled with the previous loss to Sammy Angott, are the reasons for Pep's slight decline [illegible]. . . .

Out on the West Coast, where the Los Angeles Angels refused tryouts to three Negro aces at the last moment, a mass campaign which must surely result in complete victory is under way. Last week the Los Angeles City Council passed a resolution condemning the ban on Negro stars and the [illegible]ek the Mayor and the Governor of the State [illegible]oeing pressed to do likewise. . . . Forcing the issue are the great trade unions of the city which have united on the question. These together with the Negro organizations, the Communist Party and other progressive groups insure the success of the campaign. Indeed, New York can well take a lesson from our brothers on the coast. . . . How about it, men?

Birmingham Post

Birmingham, Alabama

APR 12 1943

Montgomery Must Find Fight For Beau Jack

Jacobs Ties Him Up For Title Go

BY LESTER BROMBERG

NEW YORK, July 9.—Mike Jacobs has informed Chick Wergeles, manager of Beau Jack, ex-lightweight champion, he (Mike) has given the Montgomery Bob Montgomery [illegible] to a return bout with Johnny Hutchinson, unless Montgomery posts a forfeit to guarantee his going through with the title return here.

The manager is disturbed over the announcement by Leon Rains, Pennsylvania commission chairman, that Montgomery, recently recognized as champ in that state, would make his first defense there.

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Chester Rico's infected finger put off his Queensboro Arena bout with Maxie Shapiro until next Monday night. . . . Corp. Walker Smith of Mitchel Field—Ray Robinson to the fight world—recently admitted for the first time that he's a married man. The bride is the former Edna Mae Holly, ex-Cotton Club dancer. . . . Ray Up, Speedway Gardens promoter, has given a site for a neighborhood fight club because of its dependence on auto traffic. Instead, Irvin expects to use the old Lido swimming pool (no gags about divers, please) at 146th-st and Seventh-av. . . . Twelve and thatstitches were taken in Lew Hanbury's eye following his recent run-out are knockout by Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Washington.

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Wergeles continues to [illegible] to pull the Beau out [illegible]uled July 19 fight in [illegible] with Johnny Hutchin- [illegible]ontgomery posts a for-

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The Scoreboard

VISITORS
HOME TEAM

BY..... Joe Bostic

The 'Dream' Team Passes

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THE public prints last week carried a run-of-the-mill item to the effect that Kavanzo Hyde and Bob Daughtry had been lost to the Union University varsity. Only Clyde Davis, the string bean racehorse, remains on the first string roster. Thus comes to a close a brilliant era in the hard court history of the CIAA. The garnet and gold "dream" team passes out of the sports picture after establishing a record of which not only the Richmond institution, but the association as a whole, can feel inordinately proud.



Joe Bostic

The passing of Clover, Culberson, Blair, Daughtry, and Hyde from the scene calls to mind the fact that there have been some rip snorting cage outfits dribbling and passing that enlarged lemon around during the last ten or fifteen years.

Which might lead to a controversial discussion of whether or not Negro schools in general and the CIAA in particular have produced the greatest college quints.

I hear that loud protest from some of the readers that it's next door to heresy to compare Negro college teams with the clubs that appear in the Ned Irish extravaganzas at Madison Square Garden. My rebuttal to that one is to look at the record of results for the all too few times that whites and Negroes have matched baskets.

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Admittedly two of the truly terrific white clubs were the Long Island University club of Torgoff, Kaplowitz, Hillhouse, Blumberg and King and the St. John "wonder" club of Posnack, Schuckman, Kinsbrunner, Begovich and Gerson. As the LIU varsity, the first named group ran up a string of twenty-four wins against the best that the country had to offer. Then as the "Long Island Blackbirds," the whole team (minus Dolly King) met the Union club on the Golden Gate court. Mel Glover and his cohorts got "hot" and proceeded to chase the "Blackbirds" right back to Brooklyn, by something like a twelve point margin.

At the time that the "Wonder" team was rolling over the pick of the campus colossals, Negro team was operating so good that they were deciding in advance the margin of victory that they wanted—even, ten, or twenty points. That was the Morgan College blitz barrage of Pinky Clark, Rap Wheatley, Jack Spencer, Marse Hill, Lanky Jones, Ike Young and Cutie Brown.

The teams graduated simultaneously. The Johnnies became the "Jewels," the Morgan club, the "Owls." These two met as pros and Morgan kicked the pants off them.

Some will say that two games hardly offer a basis for full comparison. Very true, m'hearties. But since that's all we have, the verdict here, as in other hearings, must be reached on the basis of the evidence in hand. That evidence says that the greatest of the Negro college teams are the superior of the greatest white college teams. If it isn't so, there's nothing to stop interracial, inter-collegiate contests to prove otherwise. I speak for the Negro schools and say that they are willing. Willing? They're anxious.

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Nor have we, by any means, exhausted the roster of superlative Negro cage clubs when we name Morgan and Union. Contemporary clubs of the late twenties and early thirties era included Wilberforce's Wu Fank Ward-Willie Ritchie combo; Howard's "Four Horsemen" team that included Simpson, Spears, Johnson, and Whitted; Morehouse's panic creators of Charlie Clark, Irvin Sykes, Zip Gayles, Bucket Bailey and Howard Archer and the Slim Henderson-Eddie Davis Virginia Seminary entry.

Each one of these clubs could mortally pour on that oil. Besides being adept at the business of passing, dribbling, feinting, and shooting, the yall had that extra dash of finesse, know how, guts, and general class that always distinguishes the great from the "good" clubs.

Which club was the best. We think the Morgan team unquestionably had the edge. Why? Because they had "Lanky" Jones on the club and he was the "difference." The Jersey bean pole, for our dough, was the second greatest all around collegiate performer we ever saw. Bob Davies was number one on our personal rating sheet with Hank Luisetti as the number three man. There was nothing Jones couldn't and didn't do better than anybody else too. In addition, he was his team's spiritual impetus.

So you see Negro college fans have had plenty of grand basketball to watch and enjoy. The "dream" team was a bright link in a stellar chain of great clubs.

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On the basis of past records, we can expect to see more scintillating, slick, sharpshooting, all conquering units. And it'll be quite OK with them to exchange dribbles in the Garden with ANY club.

Meanwhile we can't help but feel a little pang at the passing of this latest group of magicians.

So long Mel, Bob, Dick, Kavanzo, Garnette, and Howard. You were a swell bunch of guys and a terrific ball club that gave us a gang of thrill packed minutes.

Best of luck to all of you.

Lesson in Democracy:

No Jim Crow in Track, Negro Runners Star

Daily Worker

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By Nat Low

A visit to Madison Square Garden Saturday night to take in the Millrose Games, the season's annual track opener, shows why track is one of the most genuinely democratic sport in the United States.

Looking around the crowded floor of the Garden with dozens of runners taking their practice whirls around the track, **one could count fully fifty Negro athletes going through their paces side by side with their white fellow track stars.**

We didn't check on it but we do recall that Negroes were entered in practically every single event except the two mile run and the pole vault.

There is no Jim Crow in track—and given the opportunity, Negro stars have proven that they can reach magnificent heights of achievement in their chosen fields.

Negro runners won one first place, one second place, three thirds and aided in the copping of two mile relays.

Pvt. Barney Ewell took the 60 yard dash from a brilliant field with a blistering 6.2 seconds with Herb Thompson, another Negro lad, taking third behind Pitt's Hal Stickel.

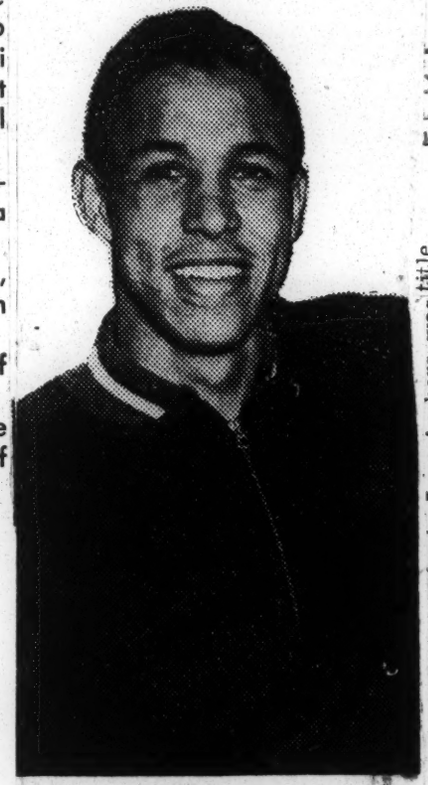
In the "Mel Sheppard" 600 yard run, Jimmy Herbert, Negro ace of the Grand Street Boys Club finished third, his first loss in six years. It took a record-tying 1 minute 10.2 seconds by Hugh Short to place the veteran running in the third spot.

In the famous Wanamaker Mile, NYU's 19 year old Frank Dixon, running his first major mile, fought Gil Dodds pace by pace till the very last lap when both of them were overtaken by the amazing sprint of Indiana's Earl Mitchell. . . .

And in the great many mile relays, Negro runners—we counted 11—turned in many brilliant legs to help their teams to victories.

Yes—track is a great democratic sport—perhaps the most democratic in the country, and it is heart warming to hear the great roars of applause for Negro stars—and more heart warming still to see white and Negro athletes congratulating each other after races and walking around the track arm in arm . . . smiling and happy.

Baseball can well take a lesson from American track meets. It needs it.



FRANK DIXON

How Will Ray Take First Loss?

Daily Worker

W. Shakespeare probably did not have Ray Robinson in mind when he wrote: "Sweet are the uses of adversity."

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But the Harlem welterweight thinks he will profit from the misfortune which befell him in Detroit last week when, after compiling the imposing streak of 40 straight, he finally went down to defeat at the hands of Jacob LaMotta, Bronx middleweight.

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Sugar Ray concedes that maybe he was getting a little overconfident, maybe he wasn't taking his opposition seriously enough. Never having known defeat in his career, which included 89 amateur contests, Robinson admits he was beginning to believe those stories about his invincibility.

Well, then the guy got licked. Now both Robinson and the boxing world know he not only can be beaten. The big question now centers around his ability to bounce back from that defeat

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Some fighters go to pieces after an unexpected setback. Some go on to greater heights. **Joe Louis, for example, became a great fighter after** (and many boxing men say because of) his defeat by Max Schmeling.

Johnny Dundee reached the heights after his kavo at the hands of Willie Jackson. Lou Ambers was beaten. One week from tomorrow night Wilson fight will by Freddie Archer. Then he came back to sweep through all opposition and annex the lightweight title.

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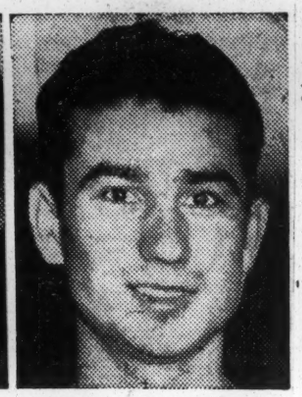
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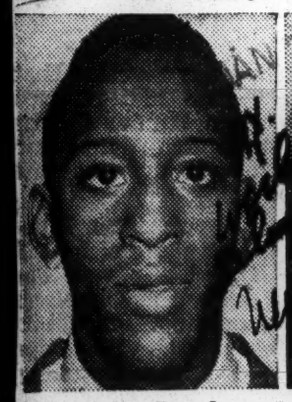
Though he is as big as a fullback, Long Island City High's court ace, Bill Kotsores, is fast and shifty.



Tom Moore, of Rice High's veteran basketball five, is a fine all-around player and set shooter.



Bill Bondanza of Forest Hills is one of the fastest breaking hoop performers around New York.



Ralph Sealey, who made the all-city five last year gets out of East New York Vocational now.



Al Gray, the Monroe ace, is one of the best scorers around. He throws up a very soft shot.



Jay Quintana of Curtis is a very steady floorman, passer and shot. He is a natural court leader, too.

The LOW DOWN

Sights and Sounds at the Magnificent Millrose Track Meet

NAT LOW

The Millrose Games which took place at the Garden Saturday night is just a pleasant and exciting memory now—but much of still lingers on and we can't help but record some of the events which brought out a capacity crowd of some 16,000 fans. (Track capacity at the Garden is less than that at a fight because the whole floor is used for the meet, thereby preventing the placing of lucrative seats there.)

First—the famous Wanamaker Mile which was supposed to have been taken by Gil Dodds, with Frank Dixon as his most serious rival—and which wound up in the hands of slender Earl Mitchell of Indiana U.

This was a mile race in the great tradition with a furious early pace that was positively heart-rending (the records for the 1st quarter and the three quarter marks were broken by Dodds)—and a last lap sprint in which Dixon almost passed Dodds only to have the blazing Mitchell pass BOTH OF THEM for a mad, sensational finish that left all three runners completely spent and limp.

Dodds, as was to be expected, went out in the lead at the quarter and set his usual terrible pace—planning to "use out" his opponents before the last lap. His strategy was almost successful for he succeeded in leaving behind all of the other men in the race except young Dixon who doggedly kept on his heels.

At the half, Dodds was still pouring it on and seemed ready to take his first Wanamaker Mile. . . . But when the gun went off for the last lap, young Dixon,—who had been husbanding his strength, started to make his bid in the backstretch . . . **At this moment, we must admit, we did not see where Mitchell was. . . . All we know is that while we were watching Dodds and Dixon, we suddenly saw a third runner tearing up like lightning, come wide around the turn, and then blaze down the homestretch with an irresistible burst of speed which took the heart right out of both Dodds and Dixon. . . .**

How Mitchell came up is a question we cannot answer. We have seen him run dozens of times, but never did he show such speed or endurance. . . . His time—a magnificent 4:08.6—is testimony to the terrific pace which Dodds had set. . . .

As for young Dixon—the first Negro miler in track history—he showed enough to guarantee that he will soon be winning these mile runs. . . . We had an idea watching him make his bid to catch Dodds, that the DOES possess enough last lap speed to win. . . . But his victory will have to wait a while. . . . It may be in the next meet. . . .

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The pole vault was, of course, no contest, merely an exhibition by the most peerless vaulter the event has ever known—Cornelius Warmerdam. Corny leaped 15 feet 1½ inches—the 27th time he has done over 15 feet.

To understand just how amazing this is—it is in place to point out that the highest any man in history had ever vaulted before he came along was 14 feet 11 inches—the world record set by Earl Meadows.

Watching him work you feel that here is the super athlete, a man with wonderful form, blinding speed and perfect competitive spirit. . . . Much of his ability comes from his speed which is almost as fast as a sprinter's. To make his speed even more effective he starts his pre-leap run 15 feet further back than the average vaulter.

Here indeed, in one of the rare athletes of our time.

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Greg Rice, our favorite and the crowd's, was back at his old, stand doing business as usual after his layoff because of a tendon injury. . . . The magnificent two-miler took his race with consummate ease and his last lap sprint—the best in all of track history—brought the crowd roaring to its feet as usual. . . .

Rice has never lost a race in 57 and has broken every single record for the two, three and five mile runs. Watching him is a treat never to be forgotten. Only five feet four inches tall, Rice is one of the smallest top flight athletes in the world and seems to have all his wonderful energy in his enormous lungs (he is all chest).

How he is able to put on his sprint after running a gruelling two miles at top speed, is a question track man have been unable to answer or explain. . . . But there he is and seems good enough to go on forever despite his double hernia which has made him a 4F in the draft. . . .

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Other highlights—Pvt. Barney Ewell, the great Negro Penn sprinter, taking the 60-yard dash. . . . Hugh Short of Georgetown tearing to a win in the 600-yard to tie the record set by the late Johnny Borican. . . . The West Point mile relay team beating the Navy team in a tight, thrilling duel that was won by the anchor man. . . . All in all a wonderful night—and more to come.

'Definitely' to Give Trials To Negro Aces

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—The Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League added another chapter to the long growing fight against Jim Crow in baseball this week when Clarence (Pants) Rowland, prexy of the club, announced that he **will definitely give tryouts** this spring to a number of Negro players who are stars in the Negro National League.

The Los Angeles club, a farm team of the Chicago Cubs, took its position as a result of a recent statement of policy by Philip Wrigley—owner of the Cubs and chewing gum magnate, in which the magnate said:

"Jim Crow must end—for it is necessary in order to have national unity. . . I am all for it (the ending of the Jim Crow ban in baseball.)"

Rowland made his statement to a writer from the Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro weekly, which has been carrying on a consistent campaign to end the present ban on Negroes in the majors.

In it he said, **"Negro ball players will be given FULL opportunity to earn berths with the Angels. . . . We want ball players who can deliver and if they can deliver then they will be signed."**

Rowland, referring to the recent statement by Wrigley, added, "One thing is certain. Mr. Wrigley is sincere and if he made such a statement, he meant it, as with him, its usually yes or no with no beating around the bush."

Among them are Nato Moreland, speedball hurler of the Baltimore Elite Giants, Bill Wright, slugging outfielder of the same club, Howard Easterling, 3rd baseman of the Homestead Grays, the veteran Bizz Mackey, one of the greatest catchers ever produced by Negro baseball, and Kenny Washington, immortal grid star of UCLA and a slugging member of the Los Angeles prexy, one of the most progressive and best liked men in the game, made public the fact that many Negro ball players had contacted him about positions on the Angels.

Great enthusiasm greeted the short stop who is touted to be ripe for the majors.

The Los Angeles prexy's statement is known to be a sincere and "straight" guy who does not make idle promises or statements.

Los Angeles, the center of much winter as well as summer baseball, has many great Negro stars who will flock to the Angel's spring training camp at nearby Anaheim, used for many years by the Athletics.

In the city and vicinity are many Negro stars who are spending their offseason working in dier from Edgewood Arsenal, Md., tonight. Jack weighed 135 pounds

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BEAU JACK HALTS STARR

Referee Stops Washington Bout in 6th—Loser Is Floored

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—Beau Jack, former New York recognized lightweight titleholder, scored a knock-

Starr was floored for a count of nine in the first round and was down twice in the fifth, taking counts of five and nine.

Referee Eddie Lafond stopped the bout after 1 minute 55 seconds of the sixth when Starr fell to the floor after absorbing a barrage of straight lefts to jaw.

Starr was outclassed but showed willingness to mix. The Beau was awarded every round on The Associated Press score sheet.

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At the Garden Tonight:

Dixon After Third Mile Victory in IC4A Meet

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By Phil Gordon

Frank Dixon of NYU, the nation's top miler, goes after his third major victory of the season tonight when he runs in the IC4A meet at the Garden—the 22nd annual running of the intercollegiate track and field national championships.

Dixon, who is the only runner to take the mile twice this year —he did it in the Boston AA meet and last week in the National AAU championships—will face an all-collegiate field of some twenty runners without Earl Mitchell and Gil Dodds who are no longer in college.

The Negro ace will have as his main opponent, Don Burham of Dartmouth who has run quite consistantly this season and who nosed out Dixon for second place in the NYAC meet two weeks ago.

Much attention will be focused on the race for in it Dixon will be the pace maker for the first time this year. In all the races up to now Frank has stayed behind the pacer until the last lap—now he will have the task of going out into the least himself and then fight off the bid of Burham or any of the other eighteen college stars in the race.

This will be a somewhat new experience for the NYU flash and it will be interesting to see how he fares in his new role as defending champion.

But while the mile is the night's big event, there is a whole night of exciting events to take place which should satiate the appetites of track fans.

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Always a colorful, exciting event on the track calender, the IC4A classic tonight will be featured by New York University's bid for an unprecedented sweep of the board-track honors, by the triple-championship bid of A. Richmond Morcom, New Hampshire's one - man gang, and the championship bids of Eddie Conwell, NYU, in the sprint; Fred Sickinger, Manhattan, in the 600; Joe Nowicki, Fordham, in the 1000; unbeated Bill Vessie, Columbia, in the high jump; unbeaten Bernie Mayer, N.Y.U., in the shot-put; little Roy Phillips, Tufts, in the two-mile, Tom Todd, Virginia, in the hurdles.

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They are the standout favorites on the 13-even program, but the usual scramble for points is inevitable in a meet of this calibre, presenting many new contenders in the Garden. New championshrip records are libely in the 1,000, mile high jump and pole vault.

Penn State is the defending team champion, but N.Y.U. is the odds-on choice to win. The Violet, winner in 1929, 1932 and 1940, has the strongest IC4A entry it ever had, and may eclipse the scoring record of 38.7 points set by Pennsylvania in 1931. Coach Emil Von Elling's team already has swept the Metropolitan intrecollegiate and National AAU team titles in the Garden.

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Standout contenders for NYU are Conwell in the sprint; Dixon in the mile, William Marr, two-miles; Bernie Mayer and Irv Kintisch in the shotput; Irving Mondschein, high jump; Bill Stoll, weight throw, and mile and 2-mile relays.

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Army and Fordham are rated best of the other colleges. Army defeated NYU, 50 to 41, in a dual meet at West Point in January, and is making its first team bid in the IC4A meet. The cadets are led by Howard Yeilding, in the broad jump; William Craig and Bernard Rogers in the sprint; Harold Saine, two-mile; Eaton Gorelangton, pole vault; William Ekberg, shotput, and two relays.

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Fordham's strength is concentrated in both relays, the 600 and 1000.

Defending champions in the meet are Tom Todd, Virginia, in the 60-yard high hurdles; LeRoy Schwarzkopf, Yale, in the two-mile; Bob Morcom in the pole vault and high jump; Colgate in the mile relay, Fordham in the 2-mile relay.



FRANK DIXON

Well, Mr. Holden apparently didn't like the ob[illegible] being forced upon him at all, because, from that point until the season's close, he started spurting like a seething cauldron.

One night against Delaware State up at Dover, the lanky Ohioan tallied 50 points for a new all-time individual single-game crop by a colored player. Holden, starting the year shooting at the conference individual record of 343 points in a single season, held by Crozier, played five games fewer than the Xavier immortal and yet beat Crozier's mark by 155 points when he rang down the 1942 curtain with 498.

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Red George, an Atlanta boy, who [illegible] ing in the Aiken Hi-Y club and at Booker T. Washington high season-in the Gate City, has grown physically by leaps and bounds, now ranging six feet. He won the hearts of Tuskegee people last spring when, throughout the season, he, despite his tender youth, stole headlines from the conference's more celebrated performers. He was a hero of the SIAC tournament at Tuskegee last February.

The kid developed into a fine end at BTWHS and Cleve Abbott, the old football wizard, made him a dandy terminal for his Golden Tigers the past season. One of the best pass receivers in the conference, George starred in the recent Vulcan Bowl classic in Birmingham.

The story-behind-the-story in this lad's case is the fact that he was the first 1943 sepia basketeer to reach the "100" mark in scoring and he did it in only seven games. His dad, Claude C. George Sr., was a 1912 Tuskegee graduate. His older brother, Benny (Catfish) George, formerly starred in football and basketball for BTWHS, Edward Waters in Jacksonville, Fla., Alabama A. & M. in Normal, Ala., and last fall at Delaware State. His younger brother, Wilbur, is a two-year star in BSWHS basketball.

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Sports Roundup

By "MELANCHOLY" JONES

Henry (Mice) Holden of S.C., Claude (Red) George Of Tuskegee, Two of Nation's Amazing Basketballers

WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN on the sports scene, from a writer's angle, for 15 years, 'mere athletes' don't inspire a faster movement of the old 'ticker.' After such a background, fabulous performers like Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, Henry Armstrong, Ray Robinson, the Rens, the Globe Trotters, Tuskegee's feminine track wizards, 'dream teams' like Virginia Union, Xavier, and Clark of recent years, and grid Goliaths like Kenny Washington, Woody Strode, Brud Holland and Bernie Jefferson provide thrills. But few others!

Consequently, it may create no little surprise when it is admitted here that 'solid kicks' are provided, almost weekly, by two of the youngest athletes in the country—Henry (Mice) Holden, junior collegian at South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical college, Orangeburg, S. C., and Claude (Red) George, sophomore sensation at Tuskegee Institute, down in sunny Alabam'.

Holden, one of the most eagle-eyed goal-ringers ever to filter from the prep ranks of Toledo, Ohio, was "white-hot" his freshman season of 1941 in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Last year, as S.C. State won 23 games in 28 starts, Holden set the conference on fire. He broke every record in sight!



Lucius Jones

Horace (Itty) Dalton, star of the 1927 national collegiate basketball champions of Clark college, Atlanta, Ga., set a record of 336 points in 18 games which went unchallenged until 1939 when Ted Wright turned up with a 6-3 southpaw wizard from Chicago by the name of Frank (Blotto) Crozier, who chalked up 343 points for a new individual total for one season—granting that it required almost twice as many games for him to surpass Itty's amazing figure.

In that hot '27 season, Dalton had left two other marks for the boys to shoot at. On successive nights, against Wilberforce of Xenia, Ohio, and Savoy Big Five, a Chicago pro outfit, he sank 31 points. Sixty-two points on successive nights, if you please!

Well, the late Carlos Parker, Alabama State immortal, equalled Itty's one-game total by shooting 31 against Knoxville up in Tennessee in 1935.

But SIAC shotsmiths went crazy last year and, with Holden the main offender, shattered just about every record in sight.

Hank De Zonie, Harlem's freshman gift to Clark last season, now with the Rens, got hot one night and roped 32 points against Benedict to break the records of both Dalton and Parker.

A night later, up in Nashville, Tenn., William Ridley, a Dayton, Ohio, senior, sank 34 points as Fisk routed Le Moyne and, only a week later, the same Ridley duplicated the feat with another 34-point spree.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE THRILLING ROBINSON-LA MOTTA BATTLE

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Ray Suffers First Defeat As LaMotta Wins Great Fight

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Sixteen-Pound Weight Advantage Too Great a Handicap For Ray Robinson As Bronx Battler Wins Decision In Detroit

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By WENDELL SMITH, Sports Editor

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 5—Of all the places in the world . . . Ray "Sugar" Robinson ran out of gas here in Detroit, the "Motor City" tonight and suffered the first defeat of his brilliant fistic career to tough Jake LaMotta before 18,000 hilarious, roaring fans in a dazzling 10 round battle.

The sweet swatter from Harlem simply ran out of petrol. Ray started out with a 100 yard dash pace and ended up staggering across the finish line a tired, weary warrior. Although I think Robinson won the fight by virtue of his brilliant boxing, there is no doubt whatsoever that the 16 pounds he gave away was too much of a handicap.

It was the first fight he has lost in his long and colorful career. Previously Ray had racked up 129 victories, 40 of which he registered in the professional ranks.

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A GREAT FIGHT

It was a great fight and one of the upsets of the year. Although the decision was unanimous, LaMotta's margin, if there was any, was so slim it was transparent. On my score card Ray won six stanzas and Jake copped four. Robinson didn't deserve anything less than a draw, but I'm not an official so my vote isn't worth the pulp this is written on.

The fight was a great one to watch. It could be likened to a contest between a jeep and a tank. Robinson, the jeep, had more speed and was the most versatile, but when the going got tough and the road rough, the tank, Jarrin' Jake LaMotta, came plowing through with both guns firing away.

RAY FLOORED

LaMotta won the officials' verdict because he floored Ray on a questionable blow in the eighth round, and because he finished with such a strong rally. If Robinson could have cooked up a little steam in the last round he might have come out without a mar on his great record. What Ray needed was an unlimited ration card. He needed a "W" card for wind, and a "Z" card for zip, in those last three gruelling rounds.

After it was all over, and Robinson had experienced for the first time how it felt to come out on the short end of a fight, Ray took his medicine like a real champion.

"I guess I finally dropped the ball," he told George Gainsford, his efficient trainer. "I got a little tired in the last few rounds, but I thounght I had piled up enough points to win."

Ray was neither sad nor discouraged over the fact that his great record had been shattered. "I hate to lose, of course, but after all, a fighter must expect defeat somewhere down the trail," he reasoned.

The Harlem Dandy offered no alibi, however. If he had said that the dicision was unfair, he would have had a host of supporters. There were many able fight critics at the ringside who felt he deserved the verdict. Many of the newspapermen covering the battle thought Robinson deserved a better break. One writer gave him the first seven rounds and LaMotta the last

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QUESTIONABLE LEFT HOOK

The general concensus was that he lost because LaMotta had floored him in the eighth with a questionable left hook in the eighth. Robinson was fighting his way off the ropes when LaMotta uncorked a vicious left hook which landed in "danger" territory. Robinson doubled up and fell back through the ropes, landing on the outer cushion of the ring. It was obvious that he was in considerable pain, and LaMotta, apparently convinced that he had fouled Robinson, reached through the ropes and offered to help Ray back in the ring and on his feet again. However, Referee Sam Hennessey pushed LaMotta aside and started counting. Ray finally scrambled back into the ring by six and waited for three more counts before he got up. As soon as he got up the bell rang for the end of the round.

It was this bit of fistic drama that apparently impressed Hennessey and the two judges to the extent that they voted in favor of LaMotta.

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In the dressing room I asked Robinson if the punch had landed low.

"I don't want to alibi," he said "but the punch was low and it took a lot out of me. I know he didn't throw it intentionally, but it certainly was low."

In describing the punch, Robinson was neither cynical nor critical. All he asked was for another chance to fight the rugged, tireless battler from the Bronx.

"I'd like to fight him again," Ray said. "I'm sure I can beat him. I did it in New York and I'm sure I can do it again. This makes it all even now. I think we should have the 'rubber' match as soon as possible."

Promoter Nick Londes agreed with Robinson and after a conference with LaMotta's advisers announced that he would attempt to re-match the two New Yorkers here on February 29.

On my score sheet LaMotta won the first, eighth, ninth and tenth rounds. Robinson won all the others. In most of the rounds, Ray started out fast and fought effectively the first two minutes. LaMotta usually made a strong finish, which pleased the fans and apparently the officials.

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LaMOTTA BEFUDDLED

In one round, the fifth, Robinson, boxing beautifully, had LaMotta completely befuddled and confused. Scoring repeatedly with a rapier-like left, Robinson literally boxed LaMotta dizzy. It was the only time during the entire fight that Jake halted his aggressive attack. As Ray knifed him with ripping lefts and moved around like a ballet dancer making a Carnegie Hall debut, LaMotta dropped his hands to his side in utter confusion, whereupon Ray moved in and rocked him with sharp right and left hooks to the head. It was the only time in the fight when LaMotta appeared to be on "queer" street. He weathered the storm, however, and came back strong in the sixth.

After flooring Ray with the questionable punch in the eighth, LaMotta came fast in the ninth and tenth. He won the ninth by virtue of an impressive rally in the last minute of the round, and took the tenth when Robinson literally bursted a lung and staggered about the ring exhausted from the terrific pace he had set in the earlier stages.

Robinson, who weighed 144½, received approximately $15,000 for his efforts, and LaMotta, 161½, took home aproximately $10,000. Unofficially, the gate totaled $40,000.

When the bell rang for the opening round, Ray was a 3 to 1 favorite, and some bookies were offering as much as 4 to 1 and 5 to 1.

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New York, N. Y.

Armstrong Admits Beau Fooled Him

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In the dressing room, after his defeat by Beau Jack last night at the Garden, Henry Armstrong admitted he had been crossed up by the youth's switch from a swat-'em style to speedy stepping. "They said he copied my style, but not this time," Henry complained. Both Armstrong and his manager, George Moore, said "that was a bad decision," Moore adding, "Henry had all the aggressiveness; a draw would have been a break for the other guy."

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Beau Jack did some conceding, saying: "Henry was awful good in close; as long as he can lean on you he can do a lot of damage." . . . The Beau wasn't sharp as usual with his uppercuts, many glancing off Armstrong's chin and others landing on his chest. . . . Beau Jack declared he would have liked to slug away but was under orders from Trainer Sid Bell.

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Chick Wergeles, Beau Jack's co-manager, started shouting in the dressing room, "We want no part of Armstrong again," but he said that after the first fight with Fritzie Zivic—and they boxed a return. . . . Armstrong's mouth was cut slightly, but his eyes stood the test very nicely. . . . Beau's superior speed was plainly evident in one of the middle rounds when he hit Henry a left, danced around him and landed another blow from that side, all before Armstrong could counter.

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Even those who felt Armstrong deserved the fight agreed he was about 50 per cent off his old self, the main disparity being in slower reactions. . . . There were no knockdowns, but both were shaken up—Armstrong repeatedly in the early rounds and Beau Jack in the ninth. . . . Armstrong had a halted after the third round. In

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The preliminaries were uniformly exciting. . . . Terry Young, 134¾, 137, outpunched Ellis Phillips, 130, in the semi-final eight, dropping Phillips for seven with a left in the last round. . . . Saverio Turiello, 149¾, won from Pete DeRuzza, 152½, in a six, while Ike Williams, 132¼, stopped Rudy Giscombe, 137, the fight being a bull of 2¼ rounds. . . . Bob Harris, 205, and Charley Chambers, 193½, drew, and Julio Gallucci, 130½, defeated Ray Puig, 138 to 135¾.

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By Nat Low

St. John's, a tiny university in Brooklyn which wouldn't ordinarily be known to more than a handful of citizens, today rules the basketball roost—winners of the National Invitation Cage Tourney and rated one of the best teams to be produced in the country in recent years.

On the basis of their almost ridiculously easy 48-27 victory over formidable Toledo Monday night at the Garden, you must certainly rate the Redmen as the best team in the land and one which would rank with Clair Bee's great LIU champs of 1941.

The Brooklyn Indans became the champs by beating Rice, Fordham and Toledo in the eight-team competition—but amazingly enough the Redmen's toughest game was their first one in the quarter finals against the-never-heard-of Rice. That contest they won by two points in the very last second of play on a rebound by Hy Gotkin. In the other contests they ran roughshod over Fordham by 69-43 and Toledo by 48-27.

HOW THEY SCORED:

ST. JOHN'S (48)	G.	F.	P.	TOLEDO (27)	G.	F.	P.
Levane, lf	3	0	6	Bolyard, lf	2	1	5
Baxter, rf	3	2	8	Minor, rf	0	0	0
Boykoff, c	5	3	13	Glass, c	1	0	2
Plantam'a, rg	1	1	3	Harmon, lg	2	2	6
Moschetti, lg	6	1	13	Zuber, rg	3	3	9
Gotkin	2	1	5	Grove	2	1	5
				Kucer	0	0	0
Totals	20	8	48	Totals	10	7	27

Officials—Kennedy and Burns.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Negro Golf Dates Set

The D. C. Recreation Department, men's open golf tournament will begin over the Langston golf course, Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17, both days having been set up by the tournament committee. Bill Brown, who won the tournament last season is now serving in the armed forces.

It takes more than average ability to win two games by such scores and St. John's must be rated a team far better than most teams which have won the tourney in previous years.

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The temptation in speaking of these Redman is to single out one or two players for special mention—but the fact of the matter is that St. John's is the most perfectly balanced club we have ever seen **(no, we never did see Buck Freeman's St. John's Wonder Five)** and one which—unmotored with every man in complete harmony and cohesion.

This is the secret of their great skill and this is the highest tribute we can pay to Coach Joe Lapchick, who from beginning to end of the tourney, proved that he was able to take advantage of every opportunity—of every weakness in the opposition armor. Lapchick was the All-American coach in this tourney

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ST. JOHN'S STRATEGY

What was it that beat Toledo—a team rated as one of the best in the land?

The thing that beat Toledo was the realization of the weak-points and strong points of the team and the measures taken to exploit the weaknesses and to counter-

Minor, who is undoubtedly one of course were the most talented basketball players Negro ace, in the whole country, **was held to his two males, NO POINTS for the entire game.** Charlie Harmon, Mull that over a few moments and you will see just how terrific an accomplishment Levane's was. In Toledo's two victories up to the finals, Minor was the whole works, his star, Fuzzy speed, floor play, pivoting and shooting bringing victory to the squad.

But here he was unable to score as much as ONE point—a thing which has never before happened

The strong points of Toledo's All-American Davage Minor and his two Bob Bolyard and Charlie another splendid Negro ace. To take the "fuse" out of potential time bombs Lapchick put Minor and perhaps weeks to come. And basketball fans, in looking back objectively on the game, will see that John's victory by 21 points was mistake. The Redmen planned it way and what is more, had the ility to put into action those

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to him—and which will most probably never happen again. Minor was shackled from the opening buzzer to the end and this was the heart of the game. St. John's had hoped to keep Minor down to, say, 10 or 11 points. With that they figured to beat Toledo by 3 or 4. But as the game unfolded on the court it became apparent that Levane was turning in one of those once-in-lifetime efforts, an effort which was superb from beginning to end.

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With Minor unable to "hit" and unable to disentangle himself from this human "plaster tape"—Toledo could not move. For like most teams of its style, it depended upon this ace to be the spark—the hub around which the whole team had to revolve.

So, our bow would be given to Levane. His feat was the most important and the most perfectly done. It was beyond compare in our opinion and one which will go down as the classic example of how to stop a great star—which Minor is.

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BOYKOFF, OTHERS GREAT

But other accolades must be given to Harry Boykoff who was voted unanimously to be the Most Valuable Player of the Tourney, to Al Moschetti for both his defensive job on Charlie Harmon, and his offensive play, which netted no less than 13 points, to Lanny Baxter, a sweet, even ball player all tourney long, to Little Hy Gotkin who Harmon called "the damdest little pest I ever saw," to Frank Plantamura for a good, solid and steady game—and of course, to Joe Lapchick for welding it all together into one perfect machine.

Boykoff has been so extraordinarily good since the middle of the season that we have had a tendency to take him for granted. This over-sized, gentle and modest kid from the streets of Brownsville is a unique ball player in-so-far as he has coupled his tremendous height with a steady development as a pivot ace and defensive star. Mainly a set shot when he first came to Jefferson, he has now become a finished and seasoned ball player who has already set one Garden scoring record and will most probably score many, many more before he is through.

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Yes, St. John's is good, and was especially good Monday night, but after all is said and done, the heart of the case must be Fuzzy Levane who in Boykoff's own words was the best man on the floor.

Said Big Boy: "I wasn't playing as well as I might have, but Levane more than made up for it, not only by his great guarding of Minor, just as he stopped Mullens of Fordham, but by his usual smart floor play, ball handling and strategy. Throughout the year we have looked to Fuzzy for our playing orders, and he has never failed us."

There it is, and every word of it true.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FACES BIG DECISIONS

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WHITE AND COLORED PLAYERS MUST EVENTUALLY "MIX"

MAR 20 1943

This week the white American professional baseball league reports the enlistment or drafting of 135 players, now in the Armed Services for Uncle Sam. This is worth your attention.

The American League has lost 49 pitchers, 10 catchers, 43 infielders and 33 outfielders.

The white National League is also hard hit by war conditions and the total major league player loss by next July may be well over the 200 mark and may soar as high as 300.

Youngsters well below the "draft age" and the older veterans beyond military call will have to carry most of the burdens this year which will witness restrictions in training and travel for the Big Leagues.

Baseball faces some mighty big decisions.

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Could Sign Colored

Just for sake of a good argument, let us consider the American League loss of 49 pitchers, 10 catchers, 43 infielders and 33 outfielders.

Could any Colored ball players, youngsters or veterans, be signed up to fill in some of the spots in any of the departments aforementioned?

Well, the way most of paleface players will perform (if they can) during the coming 1943 season, increases the possibility that Colored ball players couldn't do any worse. There's no question about it.

Satchel Paige, Hilton Smith, Rifle Ray Brown, Schoolboy John Taylor, Papa Ruiz, and many other Colored pitchers could replace the "49".

Josh Gibson, Roy Campaneli, Bizz Mackey and several other sepia catchers could replace the "10".

The 43 infielders lost by the American League leaves a very wide opening for a goodly number of very good Colored infielders.

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Wells In Mexico

There is no question but that the great Willie Wells, shortstop; Ray Dandridge, third base; Sammy Bankhead, second base, and Buck Leonard at first base, could have made any Major League infield had they been given a chance. All are still in action and, in fact, Campanella, Wells, and Dandridge are now reported to be playing ball in Mexico where the major leagues are composed of white and colored. Even old Mule Suttles can still clout a ball further than many a first baseman in the present Major. Colored ball players never seem to grow old and there may be some darn good games still left in our Big Bill Jackman and Elmer Munroe during the course of a Major League season.

There are any number of good colored outfielders, including the Cuban, Martin Dihigo, who could replace the "33".

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Barrier Due To Fall

The Major League barrier is due to fall. I have said so for over ten years and the signs are increasing in my favor, slow but sure. In the current war situation many changes will hasten the day for colored entry into the Big Leagues; Post-war conditions will continue the trend. After the war, for example, it is predicted that St. Louis, the only deep south "home team" in either League, may be replaced by a California club. The coast is sold on colored ball players. Whether St. Louis is dropped or not, the signs will continue to read good for our boys. It may not mean the end of the Colored Leagues as some suppose. Colored Leagues could train and develop our lads for the Majors in areas where minor league "mixing" might still be prohibited. In the North, colored boys could play with white minor league clubs, as some have already done for years off the record. There actually is no "problem" in the training of colored boys for the Major Leagues. There never was.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Frank Dixon Wins 3 Events at Camp Lee

Camp Lee, Va., April 19 (AP)—To put it mildly, Pvt. Frank Dixon did all right in the Ninth Regiment QMRTC track meet here over the weekend.

The former N. Y. U. miler won in the cross country, half-mile and 2-mile events.

Dixon covered a total of eight and a half miles in the busy afternoon.

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Norfolk, Virginia

Johnson "Greatest," Louis Rated No. 5

MAR 27 1943

NEW YORK CITY—(ANP)—The greatest heavyweight champion the world has ever known? That's easy. It's Jack Johnson. As for Joe Louis, he's fifth on the list, but a step ahead of Jack Dempsey.

Anyway, that's the rating given by James J. Johnston, the "boy bandit of Broadway" who is known as one of the world's greatest boxing managers and who has seen just about all of the ranking fighters from Sullivan on.

Johnston, who manages Bob Pastor, made his rating to conclude a series of articles in which he described how he thought different champions would fare with each other had they ever met at their fighting peak.

In making his ratings, the noted authority said he considered boxing skill, footwork, all-around cleverness, adeptness at strength, sportsmanship and ability to fight back when hurt. His list follows:

JOHNSTON'S LIST

"No. 1 on my list is Jack Johnson, because of his boxing ability, his defense tactics and his knowledge of ringcraft. On the day he won the title he would have defeated any other fighter who ever became champion.

"James J. Corbett is my choice for second, because of the unexcelled cleverness, his terrific speed, and the finest pair of legs ever possessed by a boxer. All these were his the day he beat the great John L.

"Gene Tunney, because of his

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Physical Fitness To Demonstrate

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Negro Students To Demonstrate Physical Fitness

MAY 10 1943

Three thousand Washington Negro students, ranging from those attending elementary schools to those attending local colleges, will stage a physical fitness program of 17 events Friday at 8 p. m. in the Uline Arena, Third and M Streets Northeast.

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The speed, the youths representing public school divisions 10 to 13, will go through body building performances including a track meet, the running of an obstacle course, boxing, tumbling, calisthenics and ballet dancing.

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Guests at the program, other well-known Negro athletes of recent years, including Barney Ewell, Penn State's great sprinter; Frank Dixon, of New York University, a famed miler; Eulace Peacock, the only man to beat Jesse Owens in the 100-yard dash, and Charles Cooper, captain of the Twelfth Street Y. M. C. A. and winner of the N. A. A. U. welterweight championship.

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Tickets are available at 55 cents and $1.10 each at the arena. All seats are reserved.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

"Joe Louis, today's champion, ranks, No. 5 on my list. A skillful, aggressive, hard-puncher with dynamite in each fist. Louis would be bewildered by the dazzling speed of some of the oldtimers but he would be a thoroughly courageous battler. He proved that the night he won the title, by coming up off the floor to beat Braddock.

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"Jack Dempsey is No. 6, although I believe Louis is no better than was Dempsey the day Jack won the title. Dempsey

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The Worker
New York, N. Y.

Dixon First Negro Star in Track History to Win a Major Mile Race

FEB 15 1943

By Nat Low

A tall, well built and handsome Negro youngster walks about the corridors of NYU this morning and if he seems to be walking about with his chest expanded proudly—he has good cause to.

For Frank Dixon has become the first Negro runner in the many hundred year old history of the track to win a major mile race—which he did at the Boston AAU meet Saturday night when he licked Earl Mitchell, Don Burnham and Gilbert Dodds in the time of 4 minutes 11.4 seconds.

In its way this victory of the 19 year old Negro runner is as important as any single sports event which had taken place in our country in many years—for not only does it herald the "coming of age" of still another great Negro athlete—but it also rips to tiny shreds the subtle, poisonous propaganda which for years has infested the sports pages of reactionary newspapers (the Hearst sheets for instance) that a Negro is built differently than whites—that he is incapable of running great distances at top speed because of an anatomical and physical shortcoming.

So, today, Frank Dixon's flying feet have brought him to the very pinnacle of track success—for the mile run is the classic of all track races, the traditional test of all runners.

The Boston race was Dixon's second major mile event—he made his debut two weeks ago at the Millrose Meet and finished third behind Mitchell and Dodds.

Saturday might however, he was not to be denied. Having gathered the necessary experience from his earlier loss, he paced himself carefully and then in the etnth l a p started to make his bid. **He went out in front with such a blaze of speed that he did the final quarter mile in a sensational 60 seconds and broke the challenge of Earl Mitchell's last desperate bid by a little more than two feet.**

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JOHNNY WOODRUF in action in the Olympics

"SURPRISE" NO SURPRISE AT ALL

The crowd of thirteen thousand which had expected to see a continuation of the Dodds-Mitchell duel sat stunned for a brief few seconds then almost lifted the roof in a tremendous ovation for the smilling Negro youngster.

We recall, particularly, almost a half page spread of photos showing arrows pointing to various sections of a Negro runner's anatomy and thereby "proving" that he is built differently.

We wonder what Hearst will say now in the light of Dixon's splendid victory — and we wonder how the Nazis feel, those who in the Olympics of 1936 in Berlin, called the American Negro runners, "The Black Auxiliaries"?

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THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE

Dixon's coming-of-age represents the latest of a magnificent and great line of Negro runners who have set indelible and everlasting records in the sport.

The names of Eulace Peacock, Jesse Owens, Eddie Tolan, Cornelius Johnson, Johnny Woodruff, Johnny Borican, Jimmy Herbert, Herbert Thomson, Barney Ewell are just a few of the Negro aces whose feats are unforgettable — whose names are spoken with reverence whenever track men gather.

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Yes, Dixon's victory is a splendid thing—just another affirmation of the innate talent of the Negro people — their complete equality with their white brothers.

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FRANK DIXON

Most of the Sunday papers headlined the news as a surprise victory for Dixon, but it was no surprise at all. Readers of the Daily Worker for instance, have been reading of the Negro star for months. This writer is proud of the fact that he was the first track scribe in the city to give Dixon a large story—that was last year when he was still in high school — and just two weeks ago in our column after Dixon had finished third in the Wanamaker Mile at the Millrose Meet we wrote:

"As for young Dixon, the first real good Negro miler in track history — he showed enough to guarantee that he will soon be winning these mile runs. . . . We had an idea watching him make his bid to catch Dodds that he DOES possess enough last lap speed to win. . . . But victory will have to wait awhile. . . . IT MAY BE IN THE NEXT MEET. (Emphasis ours—N. L.).

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REFUTES HEARST THEORY

Dixon's brilliant rise to the top is another shattering blow to the evil and fascist theories of Hearst who for years has been running all sorts of articles trying to prove that Negroes "are built only for short distance races and do not have the ability to go long distances."

Daily World
Atlanta. Ga.

Famed Team Is On The War Path

FEB 11 1943

SEATTLE, Wash. — Basketball's famed Harlem Globetrotter's, winners of the world championship tournament at Chicago in 1940-41 are experiencing one of their greatest seasons in this, their sixteenth on the byways of North America.

The great Race quintet, which has been traversing the Pacific Northwest territory and West Coast since Christmas, has been compiling another one of its great seasonal records and packing the fans in everywhere. A highlight was the game against the University of Washington, sponsored by a Seattle newspaper, from which every penny taken in, even the Trotters' end, was donated to the Service men's funds.

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That game drew 10,000 fans and many more were turned away. The Globetrotters also have played the University of Oregon, Washington State College of Idaho, Willamette and numerous other college quintets, as well as those of army, navy and marine posts, and war plants, besides the usual array of top independent teams on their crowded schedule. Some of their outstanding triumphs were achieved over the Santa Ana Army Air Base quintet featuring such former college All-Americans as Jack Hupp, Laddie Gale and Jack Hansen, at Long Beach, Calif.; Camp Roberts, Calif. at San Francisco, and the hitherto unbeaten Presidio of Monterey, Calif., soldier team at Monterey Camp Roberts also had not been defeated until they met the Globetrotters.

Owner A. M. Saperstein, who is accompanying the Globetrotters as coach; W. S. Welch road captain, and Inman Jackson, floor captain, are elated with the way the company has developed into a topnotch playing and showcher for the Birmingham Black Barons in baseball, now ranks with the best Race cagers of all time. He has been sinking eight and more field goals a game against the toughest competition, Tatum has been playing throughout February in the latter part of the month at Kansas City, St. Louis, Salt Lake City and points in that area and then will come east for games in the major cities. The latter half of March will see Reece ("Goose") Tatum the famed baseball player and comedian of the Cincinnati Clowns, has become a superative performer on the court, while Everett Marcell, catcher for the

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Atlanta, Georgia

Bout Brings Back Great Negro Fighters of Yore

(The following article was written by a veteran sports writer whose first-hand knowledge of boxing goes back to the turn of the century. . . . It was done for Harry Markson, genial press agent of Mike Jacobs. . . . We print it here because it throws light on the great Negro fighters of the past.—Ed. Note.)

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By Fracis Albertanti

Back in the Gay Nineties when good fighters were a dime a dozen, so to speak, it was not unusual to see thrilling duels between two Negro principals.

Joe Gans, Sam Langford, Jack Johnson, Harry Wills, George Cole, George Dixon, Sam McVey, Joe Wolcott, Jack Blackburn, Bobby Dobbs, Joe Jeanette, to mention a few, right up to Harry Wills, who got tier challenging Jack Dempsey in the succeeding Golden Era, fought one another more times than you can shake a stick at, and invariably provided carloads of fistic thrills.

Which brings us up to next Friday's scheduled 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden between Ray Robinson and California Jackie Wilson, both contenders for world welterweight honors. To keep the records straight, this is the first main event battle between Negro fighters in the House that Tex built since the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis scrap four years ago.

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There have been several bouts between Negro boxers since then in various cities, notably those between Cocoa Kid and Jackie Wilson and between Willie Joyce and Slugger White, both in Baltimore; and between Jimmy Bivins and Ezzard Charles in Cleveland.

Perusal of clippings from sports pages in the '95's, in 1903 and all the way down to the enactment of the Walker Law and even later, discloses some terrific clashes between Negro boxers. Joe Gans and Sam Langford were perhaps the outstanding boxers in this respect, both of whom fought men of their own color so many times that their records bulge in the record books containing them.

The Old Master—Gans—feared no man at his weight or over the 133-pound limit of those days. He tackled the Kentucky Rosebud back in 1895 and a year later lost a 20-rounder to Bobby Dobbs. His meeting with Jack Blackburn in 1903 will never be forgotten by those who saw it. The greatness of Gans is attested by the fact that he more than held his own against such tough 'uns as Dave Holly, Sam Langford, Joe Walcott, and Sam Bolen.

Langford was a murderous puncher and clever boxer. Every one of his bouts was a classic and pitted him against such rough, tough gentlemen as Blackburn, Walcott, Larry Temple, Young Peter Jackson, Jeanette, Sandy Ferguson, Dixie Kid, Sam McVey, Jim Johnson, Wills, Kid Norfolk, Bill Tate, George Godfrey. He knocked out Jim Johnson with a hefty wallop to the kidneys.

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His bout with one Tut Jackson in Brooklyn was a farce. Prof. Billy McCarney had built up Tut to the skies and a bumper crowd turned out to see Tut attempt the Herculean task of bowling over Sam. Langford feinted once, started a right which landed on Jackson's whiskers, and Tut was carried out of the ring dead to the world.

Old-timers agree Langford was the most devastating puncher of all time, and Jack Johnson perhaps the outstanding heavyweight—Jeffdies, Fitzsimmons, Dempsey, and Jim Corbett to the contrary notwithstanding. When Langford hit them they stayed on the floor.

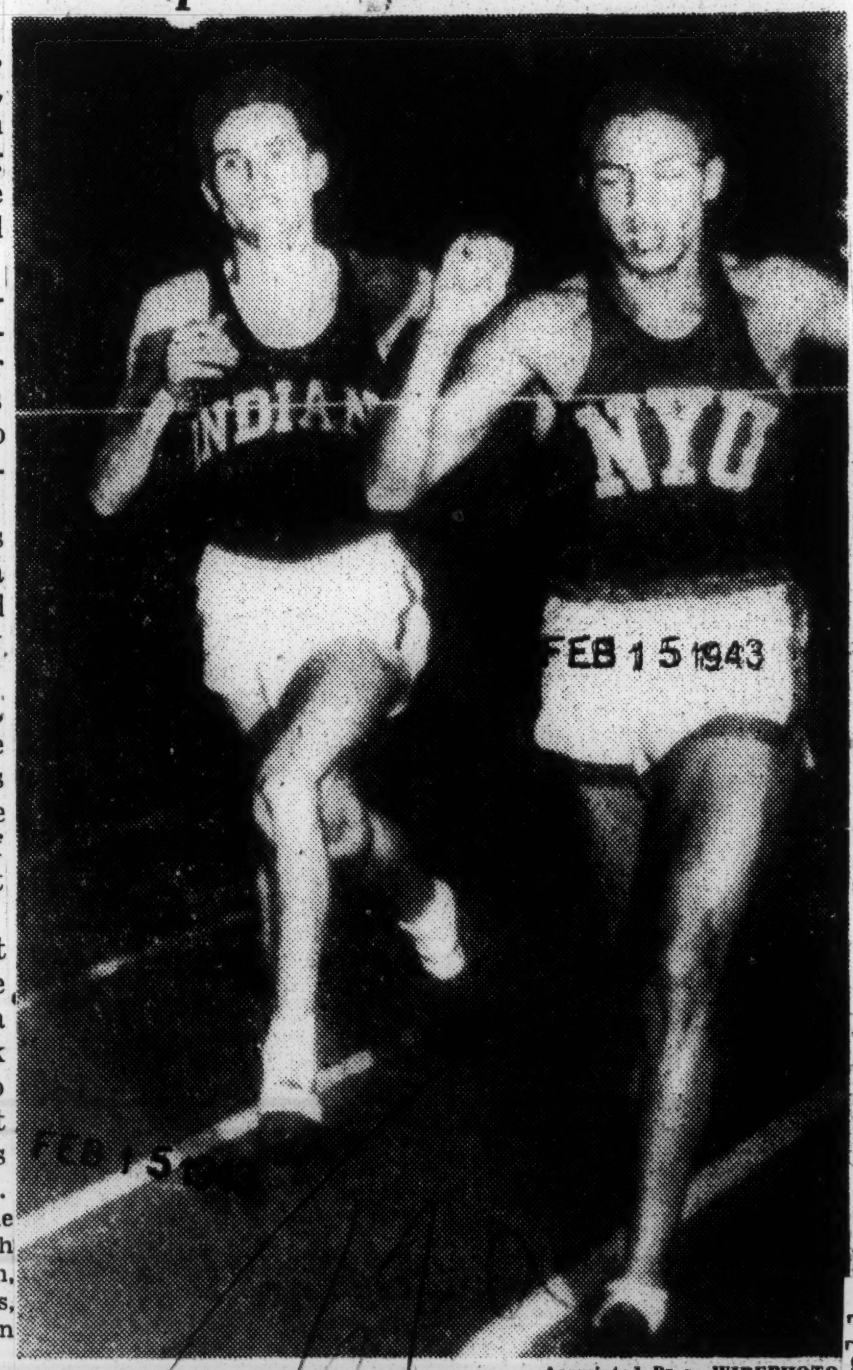
Jeanette and McVey fought several times and each and every one was a humdinger. Willie Lewis saw them fight in Paris over the 20 and 49 round route and he says these were the greatest heavyweight bouts he had ever seen. Jeanette in the latter contest was floored 35 times but he stiffened Sam in the 49th stanza.

Dixon was undoubtedly the best featherweight that ever laced the gloves on, although some old-timers concede this honor to Abe Attell. Like Langford and Gans, Dixon feared no man regardless of weight.

The fistic endeavors of these Negro fighters will forever remain in the archives of the great fighters of all time.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

No Tape for Indiana's Mitchell



Associated Press WIREPHOTO

Frank Dixon (right), New York University's freshman, who is the latest threat to the milers, breaks the tape in the Hunter Classic in the Boston Gardens ahead of Indiana's Earl Mitchell. Dixon's time was 4:11.1

week and the college clause strips the event of all opposition except Don Burnham, Dartmouth Indian, who was in third place, beaten off 35 yards, as Dixon scored his yard victory over Gil Dodds in 4:09.6.

Burnham's placing was a surprise, for he had the stuff to nip Dixon for second when Dodds copped the Baxter. He was all by himself for third, while Earl Mitchell, early season sensation from Indiana, reported fourth, 30 yards further back. Mitchell beat Dodds for the Wanamaker mile and Dixon's first indoor victory came in the Hunter mile at the Boston AA meet a week later when observers said he ran a perfect race.

Intercollegiate Mile A Romp for Dixon

Frank Dixon's great finish for the national AAU title mile in the Garden Saturday made him the first to register major successes at the distance this year, but Dixon won't be long in making three. The 20-year-old NYU freshman's next is in the intercollegiate meet this

Brown led the Rattlers by eight points.

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Up to the Clark game, Leon Watts, one of the high point men in the SIAC last year, hit his stride and up to date has pegged 43 points. Following close on his heels is Eddie Mike with 26 points. The order of the other members of the team according to their point record is: Leonard "Rabbit" Hall, 18 points; Edgar "Sparky" Echols, 14 points; Lawrence Terry, 13 points.

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

Florida Cagers Even Count With Opponents

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TALLAHASSE, Fla., (SNS)—Florida, 39; Alabama State, 29.
The Florida Rattlers basketball team, under the tutelage of Buck Neilson vacilated up and down on the tide of fortune. They enjoyed three straight wins and then two losses.

Florida, 57-Alabama State, 36; Florida, 29-Tuskegee, 39; Florida, 42-Clark, 49; Florida, 41-Morris Brown, 49.

Their contestants to date have been Tuskegee, Alabama State, Clark and Morris Brown. They defeated Alabama State both times, at home and in Montgomery, and split with Tuskegee; but lost to Clark and Morris Brown in Atlanta.

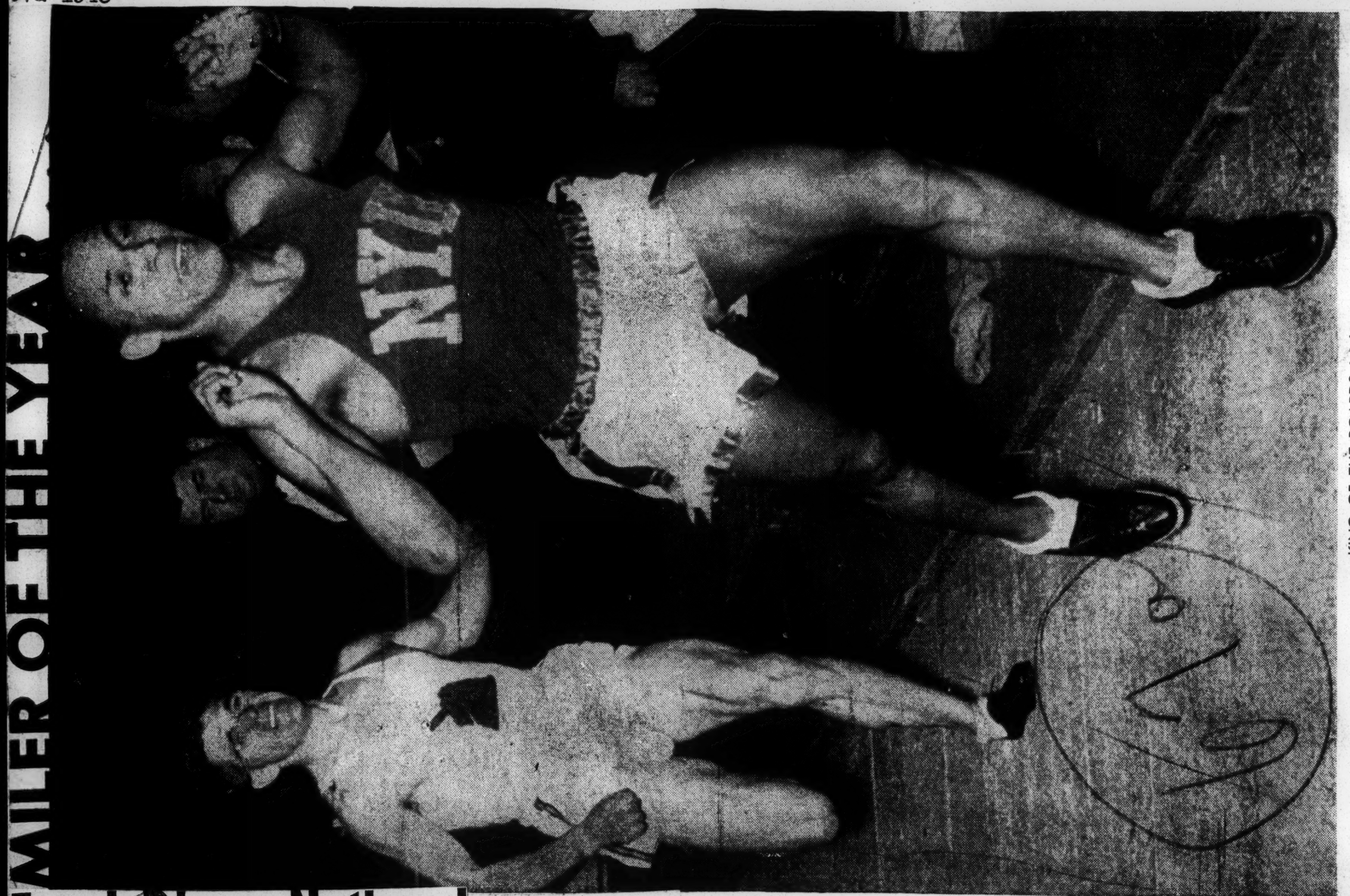
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Tuskegee won over the Rattlers by a margin of 10 points in their first contest, however, the Rattlers came back in their second contest and won by a margin of 36 points. Florida's margin over Alabama State in the first game was 10 points, but in the second the margin was 21 points.

Clark's margin over the Rattlers was seven points, while Morris

The score of these games were:

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MILER OF THE YEAR

Frank Dixon, National Mile-Star to Army

MAR 26 1943

NEW YORK. — Frank Dixon, New York University's freshman mile sensation who annexed the indoor National A.A.U. championship, the Casey and the Hunter miles, will report for active army service this week. Coach Emil von Elling of N.Y.U. announced Saturday.

Dixon, 20, a member of the enlisted army reserve, was undefeated in cross-country meets last fall winning the intercollegiate AAAA and the National A.A.U. championships.

In his last competition as a civilian, Dixon trailed Gil Dodds in the Banker's mile in Chicago last Saturday night.

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Chicago, Illinois
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Title From Beau Jack

NEW YORK. — Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia lightweight and defense plant worker, out-fought Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., ex-shoeshine boy, from the fifth round on in their 15-round bout for the world lightweight championship Friday night, May 21, in Madison Square Garden.

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The fight brought out 18,343 cash customers who put a gross of $85,000 in Mike Jacobs' till.

Montgomery kept on Beau Jack and never allowed the Georgian to get loose. He let Jack wear himself down in the first five rounds, then went to work on Jack with that famous infighting that Bob is famou for. In close, Montgomery had all the edge.

Beau Jack missed nine out of ten uppercuts.

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The betting element took a trimming. Beau Jack was 2 to 1 in the afternoon of the fight, 3 to 1 as fight time neared, and 11 to 5 when the two men entered the ring.

Montgomery will now get busy for Henry Armstrong at the Polo grounds next month. The former triple champion may give Bob plenty of trouble.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Negro Twin Bill July 18 to Honor Satchel Paige

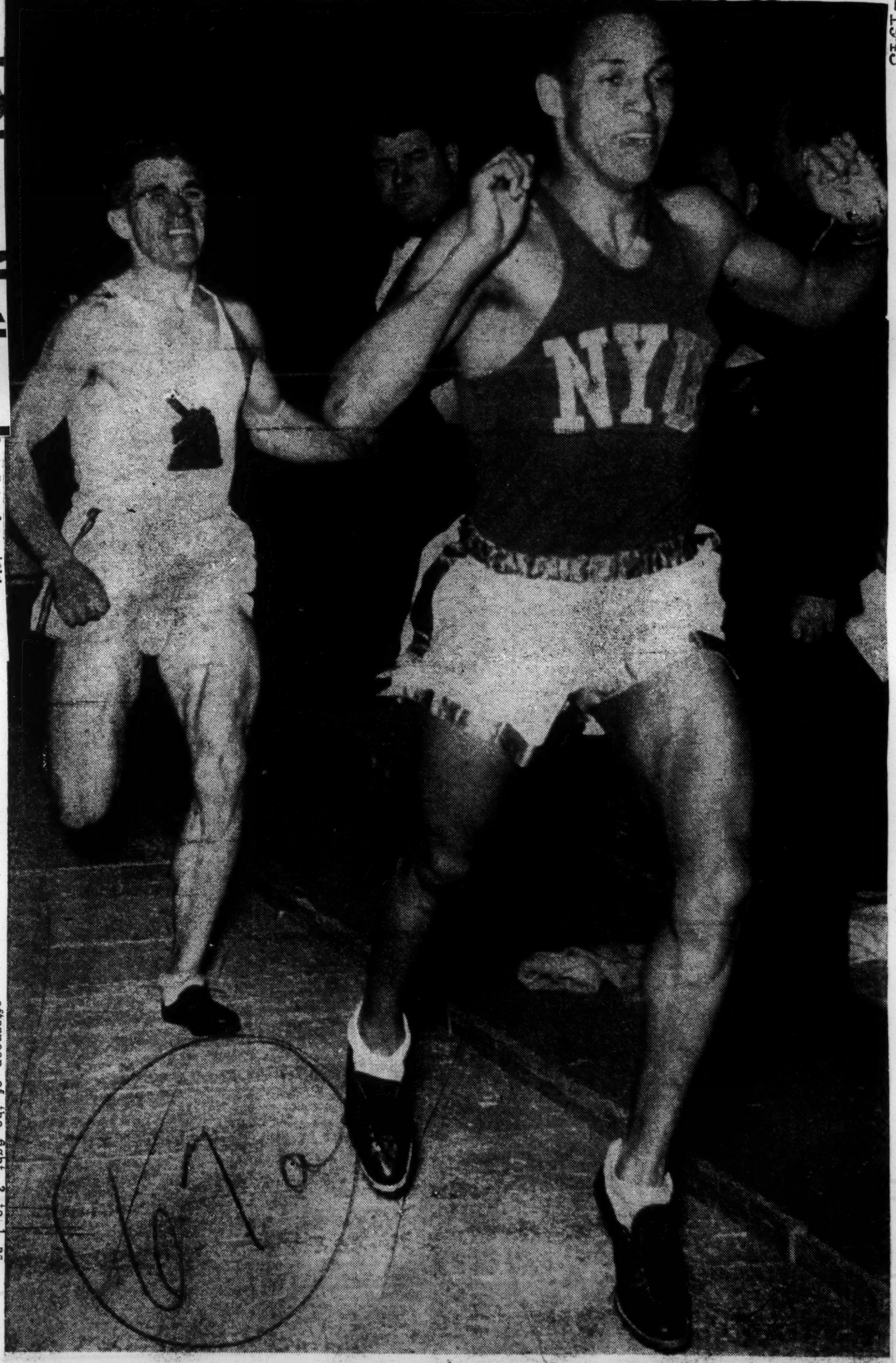
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MONTGOMERY WINS ARMSTRONG'S PRAISE

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But Henry Threatens to 'Whale the Daylights' Out of Friend

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PHILADELPHIA, May 22 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, still stepping briskly up the come-back trail, took from his mouth the pipe that he never smokes, and said a few kind words about the new king of the lightweights.

"My friend Bob Montgomery," said Henry, "will be a great champion. When we meet in the ring, I'll whale the daylights out of him."

The former triple champion, who wages his twenty-second comeback fight in the Arena on Monday night against Maxie Shapiro of New York, said that he and Philadelphia Bob are great friends, and that he and Mrs. Montgomery and the Little Bobcat (2 years old), likewise are chums, but his considered opinion has always been that Mongomery, as a battler, did not have a great deal on the ball.

"But when I heard the broadcast of Bob's fight down there in Madison Square last night, I thought to myself he's doing everything a champion should do, and that boy, Beau Jack, isn't as fast as he was when he got the decision from me [last month], and he never could hit anyway," Henry said.

"I said to myself, 'Henry, there's a fine, clean-cut boy and a credit to the race, and I just hope I get him in the ring some time.'"

Henry, whose loss to the dethroned Beau Jack was hotly disputed in some quarters, has a date to fight an outdoor match for Promoter Mike Jacobs in New York on June 11, but he doesn't think the Bobcat will be his opponent "quite so soon."

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"I expect to fight him later though," he said. "I'd sort of like to have the lightweight title back again, and though I generally weigh around 138, I think I could work off three pounds to make the limit all right."

The Los Angeles Negro has lost only to Jack, Willie Joyce and Reuben Shank in his comeback drive—"and I've dropped only about fifteen of all 300 bouts I've had."

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Of his loss to Shank, he said, "somebody called that a disgraceful decision. I agree."

Of his loss to Joyce, he said, "I broke his jaw in three places, closed his eyes and busted an ear. I was kind of weak that night. I'd just had my tonsils out and I had hemorrhages on top of that. But I sure didn't get a rematch when I wanted it—Willie's jaw hadn't healed."

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Kelley Defeats Big 10 Champ

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BOB KELLEY

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Bob Kelley, University of Illinois, did a 48.8 seconds quarter-mile run Saturday to defeat the University of Michigan runners in this race in the dual meet between the two teams. Kelley defeated Willie Bob Ufer, Michigan's Big Ten indoor champion and holder of the American indoor record.

John Roxborough, University of Michigan, was third in the half-mile run with two Illinois runners finishing ahead of him.

Kelly ran third leg on the Illinois one-mile relay team which was second to Michigan's quartet. Michigan established a new meet record of 3:19.0.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Barefoot Champ



From this angle it looks like Cpl. Joshua Williamson of Camp Pickett, Va., is dressed in his underwear, taking his morning exercises.

Turn this picture sidewise and you will see that he is clearing the high jump bar at 6 ft. 6⅜ in. to win that event at the University of Pennsylvania Relay games held at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, recently.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Henry Armstrong Stops Turiello In 5th Round

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(Special to the Defender)

WASHINGTON.—Using his flailing fists like twin sticks of dynamite Hammering Hank Armstrong scored his 17th victory in 20 fights of an amazing comeback career before an overflow crowd of fans at Uline Arena Friday night, taking a technical knockout over courageous white Saverio Turiello of New York city.

Turiello, game to the finish, took severe punishment for three of the five rounds and still wanted to continue when Referee LaFond halted the fisticuffing in 1:44 of the fifth stanza. Turiello had been down three times, once for a nine count in the fourth and twice for no count in the final fifth.

Drops Foe Again

Also in the fourth, Hank's power-laden left hook dropped Turiello on the lower strand of the ring ropes but Saverio refused to go down and was back flinging fists in relaliation before Hank had retired to th neutral corner.

Victory was Hank's from the outset, as the former triple-champion forced the fighting, always moving in on Turiello and never taking a backward step. Yet, Turiello was no easy victim. The New Yorker matched Armstrong's attack in the first and second, and might have won the early rounds had not he petered out near the end of each.

A terrific left hook followed by a short overhand right dropped Turiello in the fourth. He took the full nine count on one knee, and was almost out a few seconds later when Hank cornered him on the ropes, but was saved by the bell.

Referee Halts Bout

In the fifth, Armstrong rushed from his corner, determined to end it quickly. Turiello, favoring an injured left eye which Armstrong cut in the fourth, circled to his right and moved right into a fusillade of Hank's left hooks. He crumpled to the floor like a falling drunk but was up without a count. A minute later Hank dropped him again, and the referee did the humane thing by stopping the scrap.

Armstrong left Washington for Boston, where he will encounter Tommy Jessup next week. He is also booked for an outdoor fight in New York on June 11.

In the best of the preliminaries, Ray Brown, a clever two-fisted flinger from New York, took a six-round decision from Charley Bennett, of Washington. Brown utilized a fast left hand and had Bennett groggy in a bristling fifth round. Brown tipped 133; Bennett, 139.

Manuel Rosa, 153½; Washington, and Ossie Harris, U. S. Coast Guard, took the opening six-rounder from Lee Rosen, white, of Baltimore.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md



Lewis (Jack Rabbit) Smith, anchor man on Prairie View's crack relay quartet breaking the tape as the Texas foursome won the one-mile relay title at Drake Relays Saturday in 3:20.1. Smith, who is National AAU indoor 600-yard champion, also anchored Prairie View's victorious team in the one-mile sprint medley relay which won in 3:30.6.

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Polled Home Run Off Larry French

I'm 24 and married and have a family. I am a member of the Los Angles Police Department, which work prevents me from playing any more pro-football. I keep in shape by indulging in week-end baseball with the police department team. During the past winter I joined up with the Philly Royal Giants and took part in the Major-Minor all-stars' game at Wrigley Field. I hit three for four and did I get a big kick when I got hold of one and blasted a four hundred and fifty foot home run off Larry French, the Brooklyn Dodgers' ace hurler. That in itself was thrill enough to last for a life-time. I have hit one more ambition, athletically speaking. I would like to have the opportunity to play organized baseball. I hope the day will come soon. If I'm given that chance I'll do my level best to succeed.

I am a firm believer in all athletic sports as they serve to keep one in trim, teach lessons in manhood, self-control, courage and self-reliance. You can bet my son will be brought up in such an atmosphere. Right here and now, I'd like to thank the thousands of sports fans throughout the land who have been so very kind to me. It's a super thrill in itself to know that the public is behind you when you are out there giving your all. In closing, many people have questioned me about my experiences in playing against Southern teams. Fellows on Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Missouri and others we played were real sports. They were rugged and hard hitting but gentlemen every step of the way. The same thing goes for the many Southerners I have played with on various teams during my career.

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Still They Come!

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Furniture Workers Convention Demands End to Baseball Jim Crow

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(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, May 23. — The latest trade union to speak out against the infamous ban on Negro players in the major leagues is the United Furniture Workers of America, CIO. This union adopted a strong resolution at its convention Thursday, May 20. The union, holding its national convention here in Cleveland, passed the resolution unanimously.

The resolution marks still another one in the long list of great trade unions which have spoken out sharply for an end to the Hitler-like ban on Negro aces such as Josh Gibson, Roy Campenalla, Willie Wells, Satch Paige and many others. . . .

Here is the complete text of the Furniture Workers resolution as passed here:

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"We are fighting a war so that democracy will survive and freedom will be enjoyed by all the people of the world. To win this war we must heighten the morale and the unity of all sections of the population. Racial discrimination is a source of disunity and demoralization and the practice thereof in America plays into the hands of the reactionaries of this country who are opposed to the winning of the war.

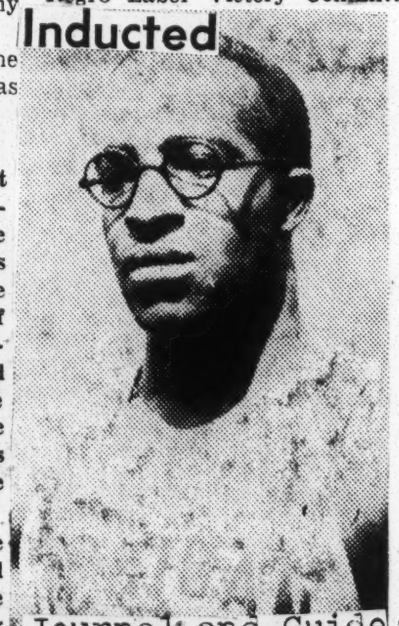
"Thousands of petitions have been signed by baseball fans all over the country condemning the practice of discrimination barring Negro baseball players from the major leagues. Many prominent baseball players and managers have indicated their desire to abolish this discrimination. Major league baseball players have been inducted into the armed forces and there are vacancies and opportunities to engage many star Negro players of recognized abilits. It is a notable fact that Negroes have excelled in many sports such as boxing, track, basketball etc.

"We believe that the participation of Negroes in major league baseball would not only be a credit to our national sport but would enhance the morale of all people in the conduct of this war and would be an expression of the democracy we are fighting for. MAY 24 1943

Copies of this resolution to be sent to:

All major league clubs.
Judge Landis.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
National Negro Congress.
Negro Labor Victory Committee.

Inducted



Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Eddie Tolan, shown above, former Olympic sprint champion from Michigan and Willis Ward, track and football star at Michigan University, were both inducted into the Army recently.

Tolan was inducted Feb. 14. He became an outstanding figure in 1932 when he became the third sprinter in the Olympics to win the 100 and 200 meter races. He defeated Ralph Metcalfe in a photo finish in the 100, and George Simpson of Ohio State University in the 200 meters. Tolan later went to Australia where he won the professional sprint championship. Until his induction, he worked at the Packard Motor plant.

Tonight at the Garden

Beau Jack 8-5 to Beat Bob Montgomery in Title Fight

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MAY 21 1943 **By Bill Mardo**

Established as an 8-5 favorite, young Beau Jack is the magnet expected to draw a near capacity crowd of 18,000 fight-starved citizens into the Garden tonight, to watch him make his first title defense against dangerous and durable Bob Montgomery in a scheduled 15-round slugfest.

The slight odds offered by wise men along Jacobs Beach is typical of the much supported sentiment that the windmill lightweight king is in for a rough evening at the hands of his highly formidable foe.

Montgomery's ability is attested to by the facts showing him to have come out second-best in only six out of 69 bouts. Mixing with 135 lb. champs is no novelty to Bob, as his three appearances against Sammy Angott and two scraps with Lew Jenkins when those lads held the title, proves.

A plodding, body-banging offensive is Monty's method. Never knocked out during his career, Montgomery's tactics tonight will probably be to get in close to Beau and flail away at the mid-section. Bob is confident that he can weather the thunder that lies in Beau Jack's rocking right uppercut just as he sampled the best that Lew Jenkins had to offer without any ill-effects. . . .

For Beau Jack, tonight's match means the opportunity to answer those skeptics who still deny his greatness. Some have sniped at the soft-spoken Georgia lad by claiming his fighting equipment has a faulty engine—that he runs out of gas in the closing rounds and is due for a fall over the 15-round distance. MAY 21 1943

But Beau has a way of notching win after win despite the carpers. Indeed, his hand has yet to be lowered in defeat once during the past two years. Beau Jack is young, and is learning the tricks of his trade the hard way — in the heat of battle. Proper pacing will come to him as a result of consistent campaigning, just as he learned to develop his left hand into one of the fastest jabbing jewels observed in recent years.

This evening's setto shapes up as a hard-fought and interesting battle. Montgomery is aiming to go back to Philadelphia a champion —and Beau Jack desires to stay just where he is . . . on top of the world. MAY 21 1943

The supporting program consists of four six-round events and an opening four.

Paired in the six-round bouts are Marvin Bryant, Dallas, Texas, and Mayon Paldo, Philadelphia, welterweights; George Kochan, Akron, Ohio, and Johnny Seeman, Boston, middleweights; Freddie Added, Brooklyn, and Johnny Price, Montreal, lightweights; Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, and Freddie Flores, Jamaica, L.I., welterweights.

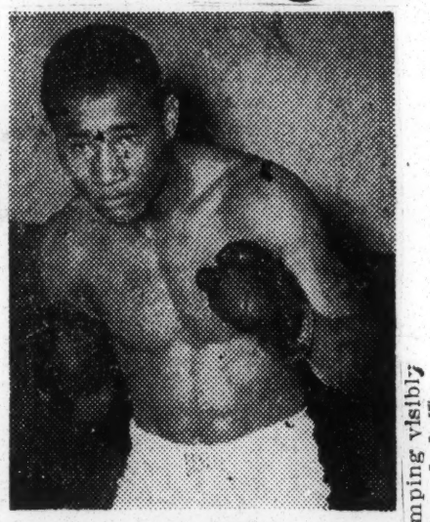
The four brings together Oscar Wright, Washington, D. C., lightweight, and Ruby Garcia, of Harlem.

Indications are that a near-capacity crowd will witness tonight's show. Tickets are priced at $1.15 general admission; $.50, $3.50, $5.75, $7.75, and $11.50 for reserved seats.

Low, Mardo in Agreement— Beau to Win

Sports Editor Nat Low and Bill Mardo buried their differences yesterday by selecting Beau Jack to beat Bob Montgomery in the 15-round bout for the lightweight title tonight. . . . To date Low has hit 26 out of 28 fights smack on the nose—Mardo had not done quite as well. . . . The boys say it will be a decision after a fairly tough battle.

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BEAU JACK

WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS OF BEAU JACK AND BOB MONTGOMERY

BEAU JACK		MONTGOMERY
22 years old	Age	24 years old
135 pounds	Weight	135 pounds
5 ft. 6 in.	Height	5 ft. 8 in.
68½ inches	Reach	71 inches
37 inches	Chest (normal)	35½ inches
39¾ inches.	Chest (expanded)	37¾ inches
15½ inches	Neck	15½ inches
12¼ inches	Biceps	12 inches
11½ inches	Forearm	10½ inches
7 inches	Wrist	7½ inches
10¾ inches	Fist	10½ inches
30 inches	Waist	29½ inches
21½ inches	Thigh	20 inches
14 inches	Calf	13 inches
8½ inches	Ankle	9 inches

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

TUSKEGEE UPSET BY ALABAMA

Jul. 3, 1943

Rejuvenated Hornets Also Beat Fisk

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 29 —Alabama State's Hornets returned to the home court tonight thoroughly enraged at Tuskegee's Tigers who had handed them two setbacks in previous meetings this season and rose up and threw down their hated rivals

last week when they took the Maroons into camp 35-31. Tena- kegee forward, still l
43-23 before a howling crowd of 1200 local fans. from a football inj
cious guarding led by Clayton, with 7 points.
kegee scoring

The half ended with the Hor- nets enjoying a 24-10 advantage. Surprise Tigers

freshman basketeer, and brilliant fielding of the ball off of the backboard by another freshman, Huguley, were standouts in the Hornet attack.

The Tuskegee Flying School quint defeated the 4th Aviation Squadron five of Montgomery, 45 to 23 in a preliminary all-service team feature.

The Hornets were battling doggedly for a comeback and they made it. They had dropped 8 out of 9 of their games this season Hornet scoring with 11 points, boasting only one previous vic- tory gained over Morehouse here

Veteran forward Bankhead led
tributed 8 apiece. Brinkley, Tus-

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Tables Turned: Red Sox Have The Pitching But No Hitting

APR 12 1943

By C. E. Dexter

The baseball fates have been cruel to Joe Cronin and his Boston Red Sox. For years they have been gifted with such sluggers as Jimmy Foxx, Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio, Hal Finney, Roger Cramer, and Johnny Pesky. But their pitching has been putrid.

This season Foxx has retired, Cramer has passed on to other pastures, Finney is staying on the farm. The others are in the armed service. And — irony of fate — the Sox have a superfine pitching staff.

I saw the Sox play the Dodgers in the first local exhibition game ten days ago, and I saw them play the Giants on Saturday at the Polo Grounds. Between these dates they played five games with major league or International League clubs. Four of the seven games go into the pre-season records as shut-outs.

Tex Hughson, leading pitcher of the American League, 22-game winner, is the ace of the staff. Ken Chase, left hander, has control this season, and should be a ranking No. 2 man. Another lefty-hander is Lefty Olsen who has shown excellent stuff in his early starts. Joe Dobson, a right hand veteran, figures to help Hughson, but the real second threat from the right handers comes from Ransom Newsome, who won some 16 games last year for the Sox. Two other first rate pitchers are experienced in major league ways. One is Mace Brown, who claims that he has never been able to show his real stuff because managers always considered him nothing but a relief pitcher. The other potential starter is Yank Terry, who has an opportunity of winning a starting spot for himself.

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On Saturday Anton Karl, fresh from Louisville, made his second appearance for the Sox, and for the second time pitched scoreless ball. Karl is a big fellow who has a great fast ball, and a fine knuckler. He claims that he has never been able to get a catcher who could handle his knuckler in the past. With young Jim Bremer receiving on Saturday, he breezed through the Giant line-up.

Now, here's the joker in the Red Sox deck. The rest of the team is hopelessly weak. Tony Lupien is a classy fielding first baseman, and would play first even if this were peacetime, and Gobby Doerr is still even steven with Joe Gordon as the best second baseman in baseball. But there the Sox strength ends.

Eddie L ke will play short. Eddie couldn't make the grade with the Cards two years ago. He is not a shortstop, but a third baseman. Jim Tabor is a streaky ball player at th d. At present fast, light-hitting Lar ar Newsome is holding down the hot corner. Joe Cronin has a pot belly, and can't stoop to fill in at his old post, shortstop. He'll pinch-hit—that's all.

The outfield has been stripped of all its former great players. Al Simmons, regular left fielder, will be 40 years old next month. Al reported for spring training 17 pounds lighter than last year, when he was a coach with the Athletics. The old man can still hit and run, but he figures to play seven innings a day until hot weather comes. Then he will be through. In center, Ford Garrison, from Fort Worth, in the defunct Texas League, will play regularly. He's well set up, fast, but inexperienced. Pete Fox was never a great player when he was a member of the championship Detroit Tigers. He's older and slower now, and although he can still cover his field capably, he figures to be little better than an AA ball player. Outside of a rookie by the name of Lazor who hasn't done much, the outfield has only former American Association player Tom McBride to back up this weak string.

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Cronin's catching is weak, too. The best catcher on the staff is a kid by the name of Partee who is small but active, and recalls Muddy Ruel in his manner of handling pitchers. If he can do half as well as Ruel, he'll satisfy, but he's an untried rookie just now, Jim Bremer is heavy and slow. Peacock can hit but can't catch. Conroy has never made good.

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I don't want to belabor a point—but Boston was the home of Abolition. It's been famous as the fount of American liberty, the city where a Negro has always been treated as the man he is. The Sox could surely use some Negro players.

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By the way, Tom Yawkey, owner of the club, is a New York businessman. I wonder if Boston fans have suggested that he can improve his club by smashing Jim Crow. His address is 420 Lexington Ave., New York, his telephone number is Mohawk 4-2692. He's a sportsman of the old school, who has spend lots of money on the Sox because he likes to win. He might appreciate a tip about some new ball players who can help put the Sox pitchers in the winning column.

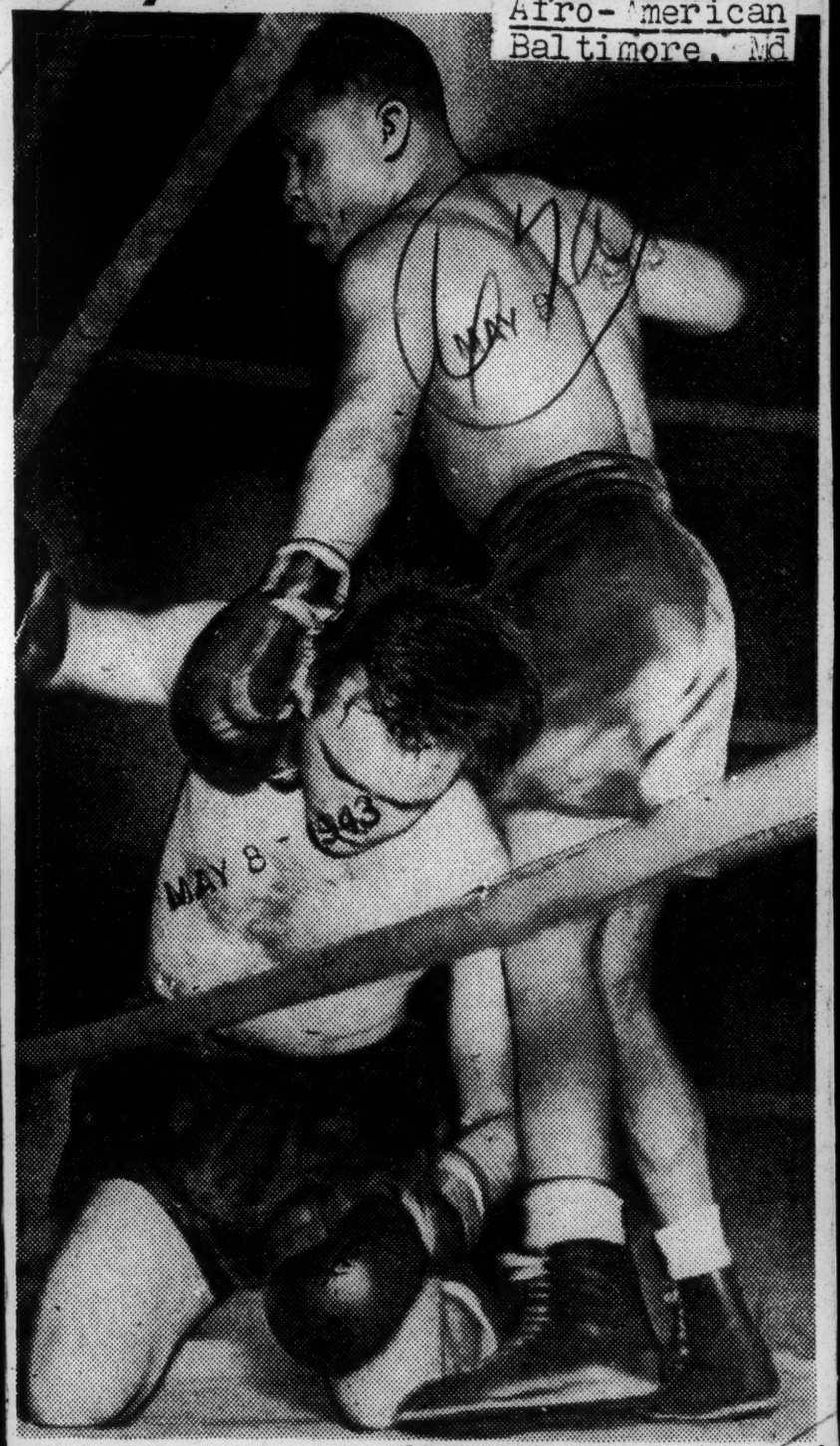


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ROADJUMP WINNER.—Eulace Peacock, now stationed at the Coast Guard Training Center, Manhattan Beach, N. Y., who won the broad jump in the annual University of Pennsylvania relays last Saturday. Peacock jumped 24 feet one inch. He ran fifth in the 100 ward dash. Pvt. Barney Ewell was nosed out of first place by Harvey Kelsy of Princeton.

Henry Throws the Hammer

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md



MAY 8 1943

Hammering Henry Armstrong throws his right, and down goes Saverio Turiello in fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout in Washington Friday night. Armstrong won in 1:44 of the fifth round by TKO.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Satchel Paige Pitches Today

The world's Negro baseball champions, the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League, featuring Satchel Paige, will meet the Nashville Crawfords, southern independent champions, in a double-header today at Parkway Field, starting at 1:45.

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Paige himself will pitch in one of the games. In his last appearance here last year he fanned eight of nine batters to face him in three innings of pitching against the House of David Nine.

by Mullin

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The Gaudy Touch

Everybody loves a comeback. Last week flat-faced, chocolate-colored little Henry Armstrong, who once held the feather-, light- and welterweight championships of the world simultaneously, endeared himself to the ring fans with one of the finest comebacks that ever lost the judges' decision. His defeat was a great success.

Two years ago Armstrong staggered nearly blind out of the ring. Tough little Fritzie Zivic had given him a cruel beat-ing, cut him to pieces around the eyes. Unusually intelligent for a fighter, Arm-strong quit the ring and put his brain to work. He managed a couple of fighters, M.C.'d a band, wrote stories, verse, a song (*My Moment Supreme*), started a book (*My Struggle for Three Crowns*).

Up from Letters. Fortunately for Armstrong, the fight game is full of ex-fighters who have made good in other lines. Tommy Loughran is a successful lawyer. Jack Dempsey runs a restaurant. Gene Tunney is a writer and lecturer. Jack Sharkey is in the shipbuilding business. Max Baer is a movie actor. Jack Johnson runs a night club. Joe Louis is in the Army. Armstrong, who has been married to the same girl for 15 years, has a son in the Army Air Corps, a daughter who is a nurse, a grandson. He has been in the fight game since 1931, has had 150 fights, won 100 by knockouts, lost 21. Armstrong was—and is—a how much praise one may lavish on Armstrong, the fact remains Jack. What better punch is there

But by last week he had staged an amazing upward climb: his eyes were healed, he had slimmed to fighting weight (138), won 16 of 18 comeback fights, defeated backsliding Fritzie Zivic and gained a crack at the big money—a fight with Lightweight Champion Beau Jack.

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Beau Jack? He'll Be There Too...

Some years ago Al Jolson played in a show called "Bombo." In one scene Jolson appeared with a tall, gorgeous blonde, slightly dressed. They exchanged banter for a while and then suddenly Jolson turned to the audience to remark: "Hey, I'm up here too."

There is so much hullabaloo surrounding the appearance at Madison Square Garden on Friday night of Henry Armstrong, one-time triple champion making his first New York start since he began his spectacular comeback last summer, that at any moment one may expect Beau Jack, Henry's opponent, to step forward and say: "Hey, I'm in that fight, too."

So much has been written about Armstrong this week that some fans may have the impression he is engaging in a shadow-boxing exhibition in the Garden ring. But there are actually going to be two fighters in that ring on Friday night and the party of the second part will be the current world lightweight champion, Beau Jack.

Not only will Beau Jack be there but he will be out to prove that, of the "two Henry Armstrongs" now in action, he—Beau Jack—is the better.

Most important factor in favor of Beau Jack is his youth. He is past ten months. But no matter in action today 21. Armstrong was—and is—a how much praise one may lavish the effectiveness achieved by Beau awe, at his long-time ring idol. What better punch is there

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Negro League to Continue Despite ODT Ban on Buses

APR 16 1943

By Phil Gordon

The Negro National League has decided to carry on this season despite the Office of Defense Transportations ban on bus travel. The decision was made the other day at a meeting of league officials in Philadelphia and prospects for a banner season are bright.

In fact the league has even added a seventh team to the loop—the Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars who will make their home in the Pennsylvania city. The New York Black Yankees which had financial difficulties last season, will operate again—this time with new backers. Jim Semler will be the top man of the Black Yankees.

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At the meeting the officials decided to send a delegation consisting of Cum Posey, Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American League and Tom Beard, co-owner of the Kansas City Monarchs, to Washington for a conference with Congressman Dawson in an effort to get the ODT's ban on buses for the league lifted.

The ban was made several weeks ago and resulted in consternation among baseball fans and the Negro teams . . . The Negro loop pointed out that the major leagues have not been curtailed and demanded that the same consideration be given to the Negro loop.

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Meanwhile the teams in the league have begun training for the opening of the season on May 15 in Philadelphia and May 16 in the other cities of the loop.

The Homestead Grays, pennant winners last year, are doing their training in Homestead, Pa., and are already rounding into fine shape. Signed to contracts are all the great stars who have made the team the greatest in the league—Josh Gibson, Ray Brown (he worked in a war plant in the winter), Jerry Benjamin, Sammy Bankhead, Chester Williams, Buck Leonard and Howard Easterling.

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The team had originally planned to do their training in Akron, Ohio, but at the last moment changed their plans.

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The league's travelling will be done by train. This is the first time that the financially poor Negro loop has done its travelling by rail and will cut deeply into the expenses of the loop. But league officials are determined to keep the circuit going this year and are going to go all out to make the season one of the best in history . .

Over at Newark where the powerful Newark Eagles are getting set for their opening on May 16—Manager Mule Suttles states that his club will again be a major factor in the pennant race. . . . Suttles replaces as pilot the popular and great shortstop, Willie Wells who has been playing in Cuba, disgusted with his inability to get a spot in the major leagues. . . . He had been promised a tryout by the Pittsburgh Pirates last year but the tryouts never came of. . . .

Heading the Eagles is pitcher Leon Day, a 25-year-old righthander who is one of the greatest pitchers in the league. . . . Day last year was the star of the East-West all star game and was likewise one of the men promised a major league tryout. . . . He is still waiting. . .

Ewell, Dixon Star On Lee's New Field

MAY 3 1943

Camp Lee, Va., May 2 (AP).—Gen. James E. Edmonds, commanding general of Camp Lee, dedicated Lee Field, new athletic plant in the headquarters area here, before a crowd of 3000.

Following the dedicatory exercises, a camp-wide track and field meet was staged. MAY 3 1943

Individual star was Pvt. Barney Ewell, former Penn State track ace, who took firsts in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and broad jump. His time in the 100 was 10 seconds and in 23 seconds in the 220. He jumped 21 feet 7 inches to win the broad jump event.

Pvt Frank Dixon, former N. Y. U. star miler, who is a teammate of Ewell's in the Ninth Regoment, was also outstanding, winning the mile in the god time of 4:34.

Boxing Legend Is Living Again

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Rejuvenated Armstrong Heads East Again, Meets Jack Friday

MAR 31 1943

By OSCAR FRALEY.

New York, March 30 (UP)—The usually turbulent fight crowd was quiet and subdued in Madison Square Garden that cold January night in 1941. It has seen a great fighter beaten badly in a gallant but futile effort to regain his title. And it was hushed and sad as the tawny-skinned little man, battered and dazed, was led down the smoke-cloud corridors into retirement.

Henry Armstrong was through. The crowd-pleasing human buzz saw, whose flailing fists had made him champion of three divisions simultaneously, had failed in an attempt to recapture the last of his titles.

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46 STRAIGHT

Hurricane Henry, they called him, and during a nine-year leather-tossing career he had become the idol of the critical galleries. Working on the theory that the best defense is a good offense, he never stopped throwing both hands and these tactics won him the world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns with in a span of 10 months.

The little battler compiled a string of 46 consecutive victories, including a row of 27 knockouts, as he hammered his way to the three titles. First he won the feather championship by knocking out Petey Sarron. Seven months later he decisioned Barney Ross for the welterweight mantle and three months later dethroned Lou Ambers as the lightweight king.

The next year he defended the welter crown two times, losing lightweight honors back to Ambers and abandoning feather honors. Then in 1940, Hurricane Hank made four more defenses of the welterweight championship before he ran into Fritzie Zivic. The Pittsburgh cutie took the title on a 15-round decision and they were rematched. Zivic made it stick that night. He pounded Armstrong around the ring and knocked him out in the 12th round to apparently end Henry's career. The crowd was sad, because it thought it was seeing the finish of a great champion.

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LIVES AGAIN

Armstrong retaired and faded into obscurity, but remained a legend of the ring. Callous cauliflower canyon was startled, and apprehensive, a year ago when 30-year-old Henry announced suddenly that he would attempt a comeback. But despite the fears, the legend began to live again.

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First came a whirlwind campaign on the coast and critics were quieted as, one by one, opponents fell before those flying brown fists.

Aldo Spoldi, Lew Jenkins and Tippy Larkin, among others, were flattened. Zivic, the man who "ended" the Armstrong career, was added to the growing list of victims. Then the rejuvenated buzz saw headed East again and now he climbs back inside the Garden ropes with a record of 16 victories in 18 bouts—11 by knockouts.

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NO SOFTIE

His opponent is no soft touch. For he'll be facing Beau Jack, the bull-shouldered former shoe-shine boy who reigns in New York as king of the lightweights.

The battling Beau has youthout on his side and a two-fisted blitz attack, reminiscent of the old Armstrong, with which he has won 15 in a row. But he lacks Hammering Henry's experience—and the electrifying moral support of a crowd that remembers a cold January night in 1941, and hopes the Hurricane will blow again.

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Play Ball!

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THE much welcome cry of "Play Ball" is sounding over ball parks in all parts of the country these days as another baseball season gets under way. The start of the baseball season is a harbinger of spring, a call to millions of Americans to the greatest, most beloved and most traditional of all American games.

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All over the world, people of all lands associate baseball with America—and Americans are proud of that association. For baseball is as much a part of our history and tradition as any other single thing in this vast and mighty country of ours.

This year the brand of baseball will not be on as high a level as last year or the year before. The war against fascism has seen baseball make its contribution. Great stars such as Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Pete Reiser, Ted Williams and others are now in various branches of the armed forces—participating directly in the fight to free the world of fascism.

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But baseball will continue—"as long as we can put nine men on the field"—and will be a constant source of joy and inspiration to old and young, male and female, Negro and white. Baseball can well be proud of its history and tradition—proud of all but one thing—its utterly stupid and reactionary policy of discrimination against Negro players. But this discrimination is on the way out—indeed, there is much confidence that next year at this time when the umpire yells "Play Ball," Negro stars will be in their proper places on the Giants, Yanks and Dodgers. . . .

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Until then—play ball!

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Armstrong Knockes Shapiro in Seventh

MAY 26 1943

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—(AP) That old master of infighting—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, of Los Angeles—displayed his talent unusually well tonight and belted a seven-round technical knockout over Maxie Shapiro, of New York, before 11,000 at Convention Hall.

Before the end came after 1:58 at of the seventh round in the scheduled 10-rounder the little dynamo, former holder of three world championships, had floored Shapiro for two nine counts once in the sixth and shortly after the start of the seventh.

Referee Matt Adgie stopped it after Armstrong had landed a savage left cross that made Shapiro spit blood. Armstrong, obviously getting strong while Shapiro weakened, looked at the referee as if asking "Why go on hitting him?" He waved Shapiro to his corner and raised Armstrong's hand.

Armstrong, a 3-to-1 favorite, weighed 140 1-2 to Shapiro's 135.

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Service Men Dominate Lists In Millrose Games Renewal

P. M. Daily, New York, N.Y. FEB 5 - 1943

With the entry list studded with athletes now in service, and a share of the proceeds going to the United Seamen's Service, the Millrose Games at the Garden tomorrow night will have a distinctly wartime dress.



Barney Ewell

Pvt. Barney Ewell top entrant in the 60-yard sprint, will get stiff competition from Eddie Conwell, 18-year-old NYU flash who never has lost a sprint, and Eulace Peacock, well-known to Garden track fans, now a coxwain in the Coast Guard.

Ensign Fred Wolcott, favored in the 60-yard high hurdles, canceled his entry because naval duties will keep him at Georgia Pre-Flight, but the timber toppers who finished behind him in last year's meet, Bob Wright of Ohio State, and Whitey Hlad, formerly of Michigan Normal, and now an Air Force Cadet, will vie for the crown.

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In the two-mile, Greg Rice will risk a 55-race winning streak against eight rivals, and is an odds-on favorite to win. Gil Dodds, fleet divinity student, leads the entrants in the Wanamaker Mile. Dodds will have six to beat in his first Wanamaker start, including Ensign Walter Mehl, 1941 winner, Frank Dixon of NYU, and Jim Rafferty of the NYAC, who beat Dixon in the Met AAU Mile. All six have done 4:14 or better.

Young Fred Sickinger of Manhattan defends his title in the 880, facing veteran Gene Venzke, Charley Beetham, four-time AAU outdoor 800-meter champ, now at Iowa Pre-Flight, and a half dozen others.

Jimmy Herbert, four-time winner of the Mel Sheppard 600, is favored again over Bob Ufer, Michigan; Russ Owen, Ohio State; and Georgetown's Hugh Short.

Corny Warmerdam, stratovaulting California schoolmaster, who set a Millrose mark last year with a vault of 15 feet ⅝ inches, will try for a new record—perhaps 16 feet—against Minnesota's Jack De Field and New Hampshire's Boo Morcom, second and third last year. Morcom and Keith O'Rourke, ex-Notre Damer, now a naval cadet, who tied in last year's high jump, again top the list in that event.

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A flock of relay races rounds out the program, with 21 colleges entered in the mile relay for the John G. Anderson Memorial Trophy, which goes to the team making the fastest time. The first race between Fordham, recent Met AAU winner; Georgetown, and Ohio State may produce the winning four.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.



SPORTIN' AROUND

by Joe Sewall

Some of the smartest dopes in this sport writing business still insist that Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong will never meet in the prize ring...Anyhow, Armstrong is leaving the Coast on the 6th of this month and heading East, arriving on this end of the country around the 10th of January...and it's a good guess that Eastern reporters will get the real lowdown from Mr. Henry Armstrong himself...Art Waller, he is a Springfield College grad, will be off this week for the Coast for preliminary work in the Red Cross's war program...We see by the People's Voice that sports writing Joe Bostic will handle a theatrical column in the Voice as well as his interesting sports chatter...Joe is taking over the space Nell Dobson was scribbling in...and take it from us, Nell, in our book, was the best femme columnist for style and reading appeal we have read.

If the rumors are true that the Joe Louises are the proud parents of a baby son, then we all can admit here and now that Joe Louis, Jr. can be put down as one of the famous babies of 1943, and that goes for both the gray babies and the oxford grays...Louis's son will lead a rare life as he inherits the greatest publicized dad that ever pulled on a leather glove...The youngster will not doubt be photograph in every stage of his development and everything he does will be followed by millions who have placed his illustrious dad on a pinnacle of idolatry worty of the Greek residents of ancient Olympus.

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The sports Ed of the People's Voice dipped his pen in literary emotion to describe the final rites of John Borican, the great all-around athlete who met an untimely death at the close of 1942.

BRIDGETON, N.J.—John Borican, the greatest middle distance runner that this era—or perhaps any other era—ever produced was returned Saturday to this shaded little Jersey town of his birth, to spend a peaceful eternity among his kinfolks, who loved him; his fellow townsmen, who idolized him and to the soil, through which he romped, as a boy.

With a full measure of honor and a double measure of sorrow, that family and those friends buried him in nearby Millville. He was just 29.

Johnny finished the life course last Tuesday night—on the same day that a final honor had come to him. On that day, the sports writers of New Jersey had selected him as the state's fourth most famous athlete for the year 1942.

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To this writer Borican was more than just another one of the many race athletes to fill up articles and columns about, he had a way of making friends with all of those he came in contact with...I recall meeting Borican in New York after he had returned from a trip to Europe with barnstorming athletes who moved throughout Europe competing with the best tracksters on that Continent...The boys even included Germany in their tour and Borican got a big kick out of the snapshots he took in Germany with the attractive frauleins. He prided one picture that he had strolling through the gardens of Hitler's Bertchgarten with a blond German lass...the tales he told of the Continent were interesting to hear and what a kick he would get out of telling them...Borican was a real guy, his pleasures were as diversified as his astounding personality...He would prepare his sartorially perfect evening clothes to make a Guardsmen or Esquires formal with just as much gusto as he would pack his track togs to leave for the Boston Garden for their annual big indoor tests there...Many have been the track aces a sports writer comes in contact with that may be brilliant satelites on the running track, but in any other atmosphere, they would be complete bores...Not so Borican, he was interesting company for the many pretty members of the fair sex he called his friends, and when he discarded his spikes to pick up his brush and paints he entered upon his work with the conservative and deep studied interest of the fine artist he was.

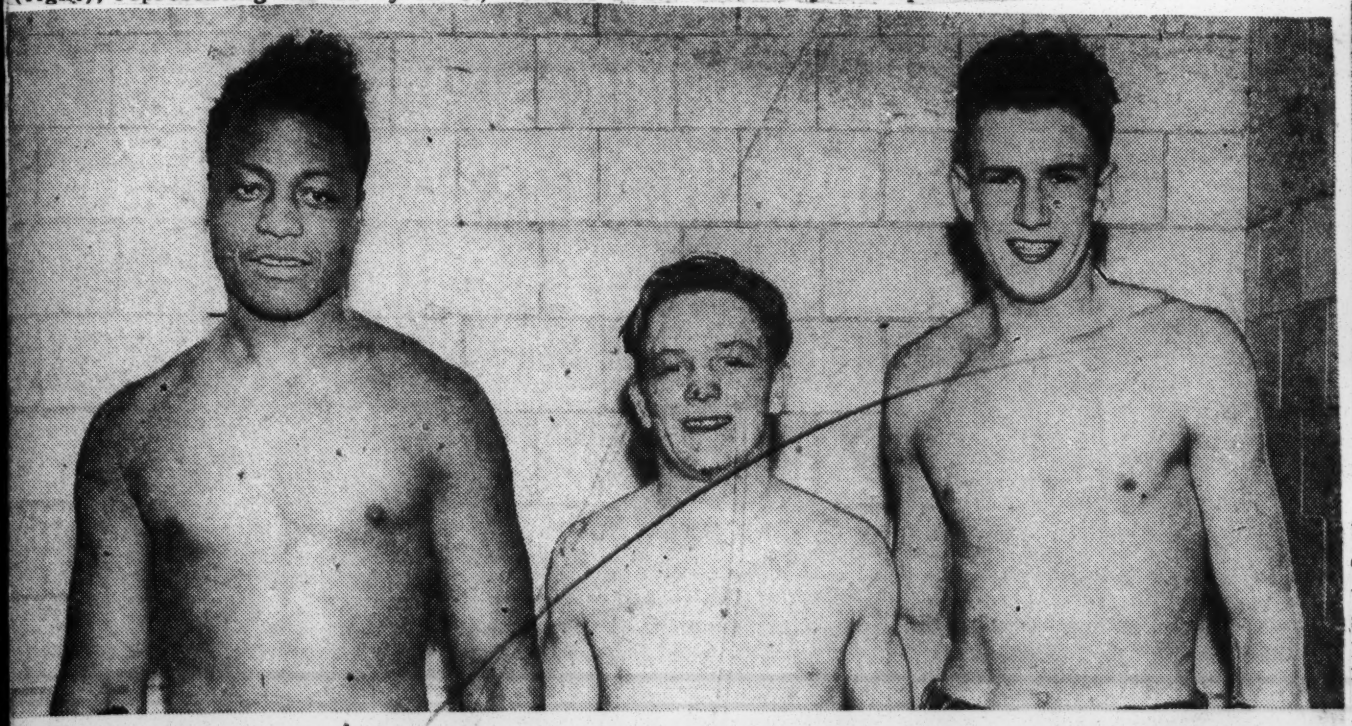
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And so with the passing of the old year, we, who werec lose friends of this great athletic figure of our own time, mourn the passing of not just another outstanding athlete endowed with the inate ability to excell in his profession, but a man, who dwelt among his fellowmen and gained respect, admiration plus his own extraordinary ability to make a friend and keep one...That was the John Borican this sportswriter enjoyed writing about, talking to and stepping out for diversion with.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois



Johnny Coulon's gymnasium takes credit for two of the champions in this South Side threesome, Clifford Fossman (left), 147 pound novice, and Bill O'Donnell (center), 160 pound novice. George Adams (right), representing the Savoy A. C., won the South Side 112 pound open title.



These three lads won championships in the South Side tournament in St. Sabina gymnasium and now must meet the North Side champions for the right to enter the Chicago Tribune's Tournament of Champions in the Stadium March 22, 23, and 24. They are, left to right: Walter Moore, heavyweight open; [illegible]e, and Paul Radovich, 175 pound novice.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

MAR 1 - 1943

DIXON TRAMPLES ON SUPERSTITION IN WINNING MILE

N. Y. U. Negro Freshman Runs Great Race,

New York, Feb. 28 (AP).—One of the oldest superstitions in the track world was that no Negro could become a great miler. But that was before the appearance of Frank Dixon III., of New York university.

Dixon, 20 years old, and unlikely to finish even his freshman college campaign because of selective service, is the new national A. A. U. indoor champion at the distance. He won that distinction Saturday night by sticking close to the defending champion, Gil Dodds of Boston, during the first half of the race—clocked in 2:00.8 for what is probably the fastest 880 yards traveled in major mile running—and then going ahead on the final lap. Dixon's time was 4:09.6.

Victor in Hunter Mile.

The Brooklyn youngster pushed his new first place trophy alongside the one he took in the Hunter mile at Boston two weeks ago and flanked it with the cups that showed he annexed the I. C. A. A. A. A. five-mile cross-country and national A. A. U. 6 and a quarter mile harrier event last fall.

His triumph Saturday came a year after he had ran the fastest mile ever credited to a high school athlete, a 4:20.7 clocking in last year's national indoor scholastic meet.

For years trainers, coaches, and some doctors have argued that the same muscle construction in a Negro's leg that made him an outstanding dancer, sprinter or jumper worked against him in long distance running.

The theory gained such credence that the late John Borican, holder of numerous world records at distances from 600 to 1,000 yards, seldom was permitted to enter mile competition in the larger meets. But the theory doesn't hold in the case of Dixon, son of a former Butler university athlete.

N. Y. U. Wins Meet.

Dixon's victory was the feature of a meet in which the New York university team became the first collegiate aggregation to take the indoor title—ending an 11 year reign of the New York A. C.—and in which Cornelius Warmerdam exceeded 15 feet in the vault for the 28th time and Greg Rice annexed his 60th consecutive triumph.

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The late John Borican was one of the few athletes to earn two positions on the All-America selections. Borican, who represented the Asbury Park A. C., last year was the A. A. U. champion at 880 and 1,00 yards.

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Clarence Doak, of Xavier University, was selected as the outstanding performer in the 440-yard hurdles, and Dixon was named the ranking All-College cross-country runner.

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Beau Jack, Robinson In Top Bouts

"Courier-Journal"
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Jack Meets Zivic And Ray Fights La Motta Friday

FEB 1 - 1943

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Robinson's Story; or from Favorite Son to Orphan

JAN 6 - 1943

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Ray is determined to get into the army by Feb. 1, friends say, and it's possible he will go in without boxing again. . . . Failing to land the bout with Armstrong hasn't disturbed him half as much as passing up his projected trip to California. He canceled it when the bout was all set.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

'Bama State Five Splits Two Games

FEB 8 1943

The Bama State Hornets divided a pair of games played on the local court last weekend, losing a 38-18 decision to Morris Brown's Wolverines on Friday night and making a strong comeback on Saturday night to defeat the Lane College Dragons, 39-25. Scheduled games for this week feature the Hornet girls against the Morris Brown girls Wednesday at 4 p.m. and the Tuskegee girls on Friday night.

Morris Brown was trailing 10-3 about midway the first half of their game when the Hornets went into reverse and after making a brilliant start. The half time count was 18-10 in favor of the visitors.

Morris Brown pressed its advantage in the second half as the Hornets threw the ball about wildly and were never able to settle down again. The Wolverines showed plenty of speed and alertness as they convinced the local fans why they are second on the conference standings with five wins and a single defeat.

The Hornets hit their winning ways again Saturday night. Thompson took the ball from Hughuley on the tipoff and dropped in a basket at the start of the game to give the Hornets a lead which they never relinquished. The nalf time score was 25-17.

Thompson scored 17 and Bankhead 15 to lead the Hornet scoring, and Thomas and Hawkins had six each for the visitors.

State High girls took a close 17-16 game from St. John Catholic High's sextet as a prelim feature Friday night, but the State High boys were not so fortunate in their curtain-raiser Saturday night, dropping a fast 35-31 decision to the Fourth Aviation Squadron team from Maxwell Field. Coach Easterly started his second stringers and the soldiers took a 9-1 lead which the regulars never could overcome.

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FEB 5 - 1943

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Since that time La Motta has accumulated a modest five-fight winning streak of his own, giving the contestants duplicate pro records of 40 victories.

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By Tim Cohane

FROTHY FACTS

Thanks to the good nature of Joe Louis, Uncle Mike Jacobs is not being affected by the shortage of steaks. No, Mike hasn't turned cannibal, but he's been eating the bull which the champion presented him some time ago. . . . Rip Sewell, the Pirates' ace pitcher, is a part time patrolman in Plant City, Fla., where his father is chief of police. . . .



Joe Louis.

Clyde Van Dusen, the gelding who won the 1929 Kentucky Derby, was named after his owner, a native Kentuckian. The late Joe Choynski was something of a wit outside the ring. Told once that Mike Gibbons had said Benny Leonard could have beaten Jack McAuliffe in his prime, Joe replied: "Well, Mike should know. He was 4 years old when McAuliffe quit fighting." . . . Although Mel Frailey, De Paul's star basketball forward, is a monkey fancier, he had to send his pet rhesus, to the Lincoln Park Zoo because the animal was chewing the parlor drapes. . . . The Rev. Dennis A. Curren, S. J., new student counsellor at Loyola University in New Orleans, pitched for the Cardinals in 1919.



Cunningham.

Frank Hill, Rutgers veteran basketball coach, is another who thinks the personal foul rule should be changed from four to five. . . . It will be teacher against pupil when Notre Dame and De Paul meet at Chicago Stadium tonight. Ray Meyer, De Paul coach, was a Notre Dame ace under George Keogan, who still mentors the Irish. . . . Everett Diddle, coach of the undefeated Western Kentucky State quintet, was a teammate of Bob McMillin on the famous Praying Colonels of Centre College.

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Smitty's Sports - Spurts

By WENDELL SMITH

FEB 13 1943 Pittsburgh Courier

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Wendell Smith

Jake LaMotta is not a great fighter, but he is a tough, game, determined fighter. He is good enough to hold his own with the ranking middleweights and more than good enough against welterweights over whom he sports a 16-pound advantage, Ray Robinson to the contrary notwithstanding.

Although I still think Robinson should have been declared the victor by virtue of the points he piled up from the second round through the seventh, the fact remains that the fight was very close and by stretching the imagination a bit it isn't difficult to see how the officials voted unanimously in favor of LaMotta. Robinson's defeat should stand forever more as a significant lesson to aspiring champions and their ambitious managers. The moral behind the story of Robinson's defeat last night is this: No matter how great a fighter is his ability to defy the laws of nature and a tremendous weight handicap is definitely limited.

Pittsburg Courier

FEB 13 1943

Jake LaMotta's Weight Advantage Was Simply Too Much For "Sugar"

Robinson lost to LaMotta because he could not overcome a 16-pound weight handicap. As great a fighter as Ray is, he couldn't maintain the britsling pace he set last night and at the same time decisively and convincingly defeat his heavier, rugged opponent. Robinson won the first fight with LaMotta, but it is expecting too much to ask him to assume such a responsibility more than once or twice without encountering defeat.



Ray Robinson

Obviously, LaMotta learned in that first fight that his weight was a distinct advantage. So last night he stalked Robinson around the ring like a blood-thirsty tiger and eventually Robinson tired to the extent that he was unable to keep dishing it out. When Ray finally slowed down to a walk, after the seventh, it was then that the 16-pound weight advantage LaMotta owned caught up with him and sealed his doom.

If and when they fight again, Robinson may come bounding back to avenge last night's defeat, but let it be recorded here and now that the first defeat he ever suffered was because he defied the laws of nature and Cauliflower Row by giving a 16-pound weight advantage to Jacob LaMotta of the Bronx.

So ends Ray Robinson's perfect record as a prizefighter.

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Items of Interest Picked Up Between Rounds While Ray Was Catching His Breath, LaMotta Catching Up

John Roxborough, with his charming wife, was among the many notables at the ringside....Willis Ward, ex-University of Michigan grid and track star, was one of the most excited patrons....Jack Laken, manager of Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, was one of the few "experts" who picked LaMotta over Sugar....Every available inch of the spacious Olympia was filled. .... Freddie Guinyard revealed that Joe Louis called Detroit a day or two before the fight from Fort Riley to inquire about Robinson and his condition....Ray and the Champ are the closest of friends, and Sugar will soon be wearing a uniform similar to the one Sgt. Louis is wearing these days .... Contrary to previous reports, Byron "Whizzer" White, football immortal, is NOT stationed overseas. He was among the celebrities at ringside. .... Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Mike Jacobs, was one of the first in Robinson's dressing room after the fight to shake his hand for putting up a great fight. . . Dave Clark, once a ranking light heavyweight contender, is considering a comeback....Big Bill Watson, former captain of the University of Michigan track team, is a police officer and was stationed in Robinson's dressing room after the fight....



John Roxborough

Leon Wheeler, director of the famous Brewster Community Center, from which Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Roscoe Toles and so many other famous fighters have emerged, was looking on from the ringside....Jim Thorpe, famous all-around athlete of other years, and Walter Hagen, great golfer, were also there....Toughest job the photographers had was getting LaMotta to smile in his dressing room after the fight....Big Boy Brown, promising heavyweight, arrived late wearing a zoot-suit hat....Robinson's next fight is with Sgt. Jackie Wilson in New York on February 19...Army and Navy big shots were all over the place... More than 5,000 were turned away at the door. . . Everett Watson, real estate tycoon, John R. Williams, Courier representative in Detroit, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Earl Couzens, Jimmy Edgar, whom LaMotta defeated twice, and a host of other well known Detroiters were pulling for the kid from Harlem....It was a colorful, thrilling show, and will sell out again if the match is made soon.

The LOW DOWN

The Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

Hanging Out the Monday Morning

APR 19 1943 Sports World Wash

NATLOW

Frank Dixon, sporting the colors of the United States—you're a genius, well who will e... Army these days instead of NYU, will run with his camp win, heads you relay team next week in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. ... Frank will run the anchor leg of the two-mile relay....

APR 19 1943

And just t... teams finished ... The Cards ... Dodgers. They ... 104 victories an... Giants were in ... the Cards. . . ... burgh, Chicago, ... The Phillies a ... of their 42 vict... Negro stars!)

The Yanks ... and 51 losses . ... St. Louis was i... The rest of th... ington and Phi... Yanks. ....

APR 19 1943

... Jim Crow in the Navy—but it is an artificial Jim Crow

There's Jim

Dozens of sports writers in dozens of papers are all starting thei... articles these days with: "In ordinary times picking the winners o... the pennant races in April is a silly business, but in this time of wa...

established only by the Brass Hats. . . . Give the boys a chance and they'd wipe out racial discrimination in a short time. . . . Proof of this is the recent wrestling championships of the Eastern Naval Dstrict—when a Negro grappler, Eristus Sam, won the lightheavyweight title and received the unanimous applause of thousands of sailors and coast guardsmen. . . . The "Herald-Tribune" yesterday ran a photograph of the winners including the Negro ace. . . . But most probably a few minutes after the picture was taken, the white sailors walked off to their bunks and the Negro had to go to a Jim Crow setup. . . .

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Leo Durocher predicts the Dodgers will start out to a big lead playing 20 games with the weak Eastern clubs, while the Cards are sinking their teeth into the tougher Reds, Cubs and Pirates. . . . He's probably right, too—but over the long run all the teams play each other a like number of games—and whereas the Dodgers will have their fun with Braves and Phillies now—the Cards will have their picnic later in the season—and when the games will probably be more important too. . . .

APR 19 1943

From the Raised Court

Highlights, Color and Humor at the Invitation Basketball Tournament

The Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

By Mike Singer

The story of the St. John's-Toledo final is in the scoring total opposite Minor's name: 0

MAR 31 1943

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The All-American Toledo Negro ace was handcuffed, shackled, blindfolded by the greatest one-man straightjacket in basketball today, Fuzzy Levane.

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Add to that the brilliant all-around defensive play of the Redmen, the smooth, impeccable bucket game of Boykoff, the uncanny bewildering drive of Gotkin, the steady, unerring brilliance of Baxter and Moschetti's spectacular cutting and shooting—and you have the 48-27 debacle over Toledo.

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Only once did the Ohioans show their real calibre. They came up fast after a first half 26-16 deficit to tie the score in a few minutes in the second half.

MAR 31 1943

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Any chance Toledo had to win from there on went glimmering as Minor cut through eight times—and missed eight times. If only two of them had gone in, it might have been a different story.

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Levane proved then and there why he must be considered with the great defensive cagemen of all time. He couldn't stop Minor from moving—only quicksand can. But he did harass him into knots and the Negro star never unwound himself, even when he was in the clear.

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Big Boy Boykoff (he got the unanimous award by the selection committee of the five local coaches as the outstanding player in the series) scored 13 points. Glass, Toledo center, scored 2. The expected duel never did quite come off. The Ohioan did play a nice game off the boards, however, and kept Boykoff's total down.

MAR 31 1943

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Minor kept muttering in the dressing room—"I did my best but I've played better than that." A contradiction that can be appreciated only if you've ever had a Levane to buck against.

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Harmon, who showed streaks of his offensive power, couldn't get over St. John's all-around ability. "What can you do when you've got five great players opposing you?"

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Not a thing, not a thing—but lose. Which Toledo did by 21 points.

St. John's played a defensive game with a scoring punch. Toledo played an offensive game without scoring.

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Hy Gotkin showed off his usual Mexican jumping bean act. Harmon of Toledo, asked about Gotkin's style, started to say: "He's a— a—" then added, "Oh, shucks, they all are."

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Moschetti continued the sensational game he played against Fordham with an even more brilliant exhibition in the finals. His six goals and one foul tied Boykoff for scoring honors.

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There were lots of picture-taking, spotlights, ceremonies, handshakes and presentations after the game.

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Toledo got Bulova watches. Theyd trade the whole jewelry lot in for three goals by Minor—if they could play the game over again.

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Toledo at least can gain some consolation: they reached the finals and lost to one of the best college five seen in the East in years.

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The Ohioans will be back next year, that's sure.

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But then, so will St. John's.

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Fordham played W&J in the consolation game. The Ram's play consoled nobody.

Dixon Beats Dodds In Major Mile Event

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia

MAR 7 1943

BY DON DE LEIGHBUR

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York City—(SNS)—The wonder running of 1943, Frank Thomas Dixon, III, native of St. Louis and a freshman at New York University, went to town here Saturday night and became the first colored athlete in the 55-year-old-history of the games to win a National, A. A. U. mile championship. The smooth, effortless striding of the 20-year old distance marvel catapulted him into the limelight as a possible world record holder in the one mile run following his sensational triumph over the celebrated Gil Dodds of the Boston A.A., Don Burnham of Dartmouth and Earl Mitchell of Indiana University.

Thirteen thousand fans rose to their feet and in a deafening roar, acclaimed the ascension of a Negro to the throne as the indoor track season's outstanding distance star as Dixon roared into the tape four feet in front of Dodds, with Burnham and Mitchell finishing way back. Several weeks ago Dixon became the first Negro on record to win a major mile event when he captured top honors in the Boston A.A. Games at the Hub City in the famed Hunter Mile. Denied victory in the Millrose Games in which he ran third to Mitchell and Dodds, Dixon's triumph here Saturday night was all the more spectacular because he thus became the nation's No. 1 miler and the wearer of the purple all the more resplendent because of his race and color.

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Dixon in winning Saturday night's event ran a 4 minute 9.6 second mile, fastest in history for a Negro and the reason why I emphasize race in this instance is because it is said and written that Negroes didn't have the endurance, the inclination nor the ability to run the mile successfully; that Negroes naturally starred in the sprints where their excessive energy would allow them to dominate the short distances, but that they were complete washouts in distances beyond the half mile.

The significance of Dixon's triumph Saturday night is doubly enhanced when it is considered that Dodds, former National A.A.U. champion, had been the heavy favorite as he had been at Boston where Dixon outsped him to win. The season opened with the Millrose Mile in which Mitchell, a dark horse, nosed out Dodds for the title in 4:08:6, fastest time for the series so far.. Dodds, Mitchell, Burnham all bowed to Dixon at Boston, but Dodds bounced back into the picture at the New York A. C. Games here and took the Baxter Mile in 5:08:8 with Burnham second, barely beating out Dixon, and Mitchell fourth.

Saturday night's A.A.U. championship mile was no ordinary event. It surpasses in importance all the invitational big events the Millrose, the New York A.C., the Boston A.A., the IC-4A (next Saturday) and the finale of the season, the Knights of Columbus, mainly because the aforementioned meets are A.A.U. sanctioned while the A.A.U. is the real thing. A national championship event, in addition, is no stage-managed invitation mile sponsored by promoters who handpick the competitors. Dixon ran and defeated aside from Dodds, Burnham and Mitchell, such established campaigners as Jim Rafferty, the famous Walter Mehl, Bobby Gin and two "unkonwns" who finished unknown, Peter Allcakoc and George Agogino.

Dixon came from behind to knock off Dodds. He won the hard way, but ran the ready race of a true champion with faultless judgement of pace, and wise selection of the time to make his bid. He spotted Dodds, whose program called for a fast start, an overwhelming lead and a gradual coasting into the tape, 20 yards at the halfway mark and then twelve yards going into the bell lap. In that final 60 yards Dixon showed why he is to be rated along with Jesse Owens, Cornelius Warmerdam, Les Steers, Ben Eastman, Long John Woodruff, the late John Borican and other track kings. He ran as though he was competing in the 60 yard sprint to beat out the flying Dodds.

From far-off Prairie View College in Texas came Lewis Smith, a chunky dynamo of energy to take the national A.A.U. 600 yard championship away from the big time field of Charley Beetham, formerly of Ohio State, Jimmy Herbert, ex-New York University track captain, and others. Smith led all the way and beat off Beetham's last lap bid by two feet in 1 minute 13 seconds. Herbert was third. Joshua Williamson, former Xavier University star and a protege of Ralpm Metcalfe, won a co-championship rating when he shared high jump honors with the sensational William Vessey of Columbia in the high jump, both clearing 6 feet 5 inches. Barney Ewell, former Penn State phenom, and now a private at Camp Lee, Va., grabbed the broad jump championship, his first indoor A.A.U. title in this event, with a leap of 23 feet 8 inches. Eulace Peacock, former Temple University star and Olympic dash and jump champion, who is now a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, was fourth with 23 feet 4 inches.

Nate Carmichael, New York Uni- competed or the 60 yard final which Ewell was starting championship events, washad all lined up for the semi-final. Other Saunders of roundly booed when he disqualifiedwhen the incident happened. The won places in three Negro runners for making a A.A.U. usually overlooks false of champions second false start in the 60 yardstarts in the meet it sanctions, but formerly of dash semi-finals.This ruling allowedries to be tough in its own cham- in the 60 yard Harold Stickel, formerly of Pitts-pionship meets. Herb Thompson of son Dilliard burgh, to become the only whiteJersey City, who won the cham- College, who runner to get in the finals wherepionship for the third time in five 60 yard highs and ne finished third in the finalsyears, was crowned champion in the 60 yard low hurdles. John Eddie Conwell, the New York Uni- the 60 yard final which Ewell was of Camp Lee also comversity freshman dash sensation, beaten by a full yard with Stickel peted.

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Drive To Have Bob Douglas Named To Boxing Post In N. Y. Continues

"Pittsburgh Courier" Pittsburgh, Penn.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 14—Greater New York, with its five outlying boroughs, has apparently gone all-out for the appointment of a Negro to the New York State Athletic Commission. From authoritative sources, it has been ascertained that Governor Dewey is not averse to considering the elevation of some worthy colored man to the august body that governs boxing in this state.

To that end a prominent committee of citizens has been formed to support the candidacy of Robert L. Douglas, the man who so successfully guided the famous Renaissance Big Five to the world's championship.

Douglas, himself an athlete a little less than a quarter of a century ago, has won for himself an enviable position among people in all walks of life, his honesty, sincerity and loyalty not only in the higher realms of sport, but in his daily life, winning a following of immense proportions.

With such outstanding names as Parole Commissioner Samuel Battle, Assistant District Attorney Eunice Carter, the Reverend A. Clayton Powell, Mrs. Ruth Brown Price, Democratic Co-Leader of the 21st A. A., Judge Myles T. Paige, the Reverend John H. Johnson, Police Chaplain and pastor of St. Martin's Episcopal church; Charles Buchanan, manager the Savoy and business manager of the N. Y. People's Voice; Judge James S. Watson, Attorney Sarah Pelham Speaks, Ludlow W. Werner, editor of the New York Age; Miss Wilhelmina Adams, Democratic co-leader of the 17th A. D., and civic worker; Joe Bostic, sports editor People's Voice; Dan Burley, sports and theatrical editor the N. Y. Star-News; Romeo L. Dougherty, veteran sports and theatrical writer and commentator, the committee is headed up by Dr. St. Clair Jones and O. C. Newton, secretary.

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For years the colored citizens of the Empire State have sought recognition on the Boxing Commission by having one of their members appointed to the body, but despite the efforts of a number of leading men and women, no member of the race has thus far been successful in getting the nod.

For the past week the committee has been actively engaged in listing the names of thousands of New Yorkers lending their moral support to a state-wide petition to Governor Dewey. It is felt that since no other colored man has been suggested for the place, the way is left clear for the New York governor to appoint Douglas as strong opposition is not expected from white sources.

Armstrong And Louis Deserve Hall Of Fame

JAN 27 1943

"Birmingham News"

Graham Believes Boys Should Be Alongside Of Other Pugilist Greats

Birmingham, Ala.

BY DILLON GRAHAM
A.P. Features Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Many stars paraded across the sports scene during the last five years but, outstanding as they were among their contemporaries, were they good enough to rank with the all-time greats?

Boxing produced some fine fighters during that half-decade, notably Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong and Billy Conn.

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Louis, in his eight years as a professional, lost only one fight—to Max Schmeling. Although he was publicized as a superman because of a rapid succession of quick knockout triumphs, Louis hardly had the experience to meet the crafty and hard-punching German at the time of their first fight. After taking terrible punishment, Louis was kayoed in 12 rounds. But, two years later, he destroyed Schmeling in less than a round.

As champion since 1937, only two foes—Tommy Farr and Arturo Godoy—have been on their feet after 15 rounds with Louis. He defended his crown 21 times, more often than any other heavyweight titleholder, and risked it seven times in one year. He combined boxing skill with terrific punching power.

Armstrong is the only fighter ever to hold three world titles at the same time—the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns. Furthermore, he fought a draw with Ceferino Garcia, the middleweight king. Hammering Hank was not a pretty boxer or a sharp puncher.

A flailing fighter, Hank continually crowded his foe, swinging punches from every direction. He exhausted his rivals by his fast pace. At his peak, no one could stand up against him.

Conn was a masterful boxer, perhaps one of the greatest of all, at least among the heavier men. First, he virtually cleaned up the middleweight division, then won the world championship from Melio Bettina the first time he fought as a light heavyweight in 1939. He beat Bettina again and Gus Lesnevich twice in title defenses, then moved on to the heavyweights, although he was still a slightly overgrown light heavy. For 12 rounds Conn outpointed Louis in their heavyweight championship bout in June, 1941, only to be knocked out when he forgot defense in an impetuous effort to kayo the harassed Louis.

Mike Jacobs and James J. Johnston are others who have contributed much to boxing. Jacobs was the outstanding promoter of the 1930s and still is. He put on most of the championship bouts in every division. Furthermore, it has lately developed that Jacobs was to some considerable extent responsible for the promotional success of Tex Rickard in the '20s, and earlier.

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Johnston takes top rank among the managers. He has piloted fighters for around 40 years, has had champions, and in recent years has shown himself an astute maneuverer in obtaining heavyweight title matches for two comparatively mediocre fighters, Bob Pastor and Abe Simon. Johnston also was a first-class bantamweight himself but was knocked out in his bid for the championship around the turn of the century.

We think Louis and Armstrong belong in the Hall of Fame for boxing alongside those chosen early in 1938 by Alan Gould, then sports editor of The Associated Press, now an AP news executive. Gould surveyed the long history of athletics and came up with Hall of Fame selections for boxing as well as golf, tennis, track and field, football and sportswomen.

These are his boxing nominations: James J. Corbett, Robert Fitzsimmons, John L. Sullivan, Joe Gans, Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard, Tex Rickard, Gene Tunney, Jack McAuliffe and Sam Langford.

Let's consider this list. Corbett is recalled chiefly as the conqueror of Sullivan, the Boston Strong Boy and first of the champions of the Marquis of Queensbury era. Corbett not only was a worthy champion, but his clean living helped to lift boxing to the level of respectability, and his boxing skill stimulated its scientific side. Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons was middleweight champion, at 158 pounds, six years before he knocked Corbett off his heavyweight throne in 1897. Then six years later, he won the light heavyweight crown. Fitz was a physical marvel as well as a great puncher.

Dempsey and Tunney were the great heavyweights of the lush sports period of the 1920's. They drew the biggest fight gates, Tunney collecting $990,000 for the famous "battle of the long count." And it was Tex Rickard who promoted their major fights. Rickard staged the Jeffries-Johnson duel in Reno in 1910, came East to take over the old Madison Square Garden, and made boxing a big business, an attraction that drew the best people.

Joe Gans, Jack McAuliffe and Benny Leonard were three outstanding lightweights, McAuliffe the first of the line who retired in 1893 after nine years as champion. Gans, a fighter of unusual skill, ruled from 1901 to 1908. Leonard, who retired unbeaten in 1924, came closest of the moderns to the Gans standard. Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby," was never a champion, but was recognized as one of the hardest hitters of all time. He was in his prime when Johnson was a fugitive champion and did not fight him.

Armstrong and Louis, in our opinion, belong in this group.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala

Black Barons To Continue Play In Negro American

JAN 1 1943

The Black Barons, managed so successfully by W. C. Welch their two seasons in the Negro American League, will have a team in the loop race again in the Summer of 1943. Tom Hayes, Jr., owner and president of the club, was authority for this statement Thursday night, when he wired from Chicago that the stage was all set for Negro baseball to continue next Summer.

The owner of Rickwood's defenders also stated that Welch had been retained as manager of the club, and had already signed quite a number of veteran dependables for next season. These include Paul Hardy, the catcher; Double-Duty Radcliffe, one of the pitching mainstays of the club last season after coming here from Memphis in an outright sale; Markham, pitcher; Walker, infielder; McLaurin and Smith, outfielders, and Tom Simpson, the dependable second-sacker and field general.

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Hayes, who was on his way to Birmingham for the Vulcan Bowl football game, also stated that negotiations were already under way for the purchase of new stars to strengthen the team. The league directors met a few days ago in Chicago, voted unanimously to operate for the 1943 campaign, and mapped out a potential schedule.

Ban Athletics At Southern

"Atlanta Daily World"
Atlanta, Ga.
JAN 12 1943

By JAMES HAMILTON

SCOTLANDVILLE, La. (SNS)—The Louisiana State Board of Education which controls all state institutions within the state except Louisiana State University, last week placed a wartime restriction on intercollegiate athletics at six state institutions, including Southern University and Louisiana Rural Normal at Grambling.

The Board in a resolution recommended that athletics staffs devote all their energies to well-balanced physical education courses instead. Already Coach A. W. Mumford, Director of Athletics at Southern, had received the Obstacle course as used by the army and several other physical hardening programs used extensively by all of America's war-time units, before this ruling was announcced.

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Under wording of the resolution the edict is to remain effective for the duration of the war and until the Board grants permission for resumption of intercollegiate sports. The move was considered pertinent not only because of the increasing difficulty in arranging transportation, but because the athletics staffs are needed for physical education courses.

When President Felton G. Clark was queried as to his stand on the discussion during the meeting of the Board, he replied: " The Negroes of Louisiana asked no special favors, and whatever is done for the white schools should be obtain the Negroes."

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Six Louisiana Schools Asked to Drop Sports

JAN 12 1943

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 11 (AP).—Louisiana's state board of education today placed a war time ban on intercollegiate athletics at six state colleges in addition of intercollegiate sports.

The board asked the six colleges to cancel all presently existing athletic contracts if such can be done. Gibson said the schools had relatively few commitments.

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For the Duration.

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Daily World
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Lions Score In Last Two Minutes Of Play

JAN 5 - 1943

HOUSTON, Texas— (SNS) — The powerful Langston University The powerful Langston University Lions of Oklahoma came from behind in the last two minutes of play to upset the strong Prairie View Panthers, 18-13, New Year's Day at the School Stadium, before 5,000 fans.

Trailing 13-12, with less than two minutes of play remaining, the Lions started a sensational passing attack from their own 44 yard line, and marched the ball down to the Prairie View 11-yard marker, where a penalty put the ball on the one yard line.

On the next play a Panther back knocked an end zone pass into the air and Harkins, Langston's right end caught the ball for the winning touchdown.

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The Prairie View Panthers scored early in the first period, employing their streamline "T" formation. Finley picked up 35 yards from his own 36 yard line, and on the next play Mitchell Jackson shot a pass to Frank Robinson, which netted 22 yards. Robert Dorsey, James Tucker, and Finley alternated to move the ball deep into Langston territory and Finley scored..

The fighting Panthers came back and pushed over another touchdown in the second period with Fisher, Dorsey, Mitchell and Jackson moving the ball deep into the Lion's territory again. M. Jackson passed to Fisher for the score and Jackson converted to put the Panthers ahead, 13-0.

When the first half edned, Prairie View was one yard from goal, which resulted from another drive, which started when Frank Nichols, recovered a fumble. The timer's attempting to push over a third touchdown.

In the third period. the Langston Lions came to life, when Carlon ran thru the Panthers forward wall for 32 yards. The touchdown came a few minutes later when Robinson passed to Stewart, left end.

Early in the fourth period the Prairie View forward wall stopped another Langston drive on the four-yard line, but after an exchange of punts Robinson tossed a 24-yard pass to Harkins to place the ball on Prairie View's 42 yard line. Milligan sent a pass to Robinson, who went down to the 11 yard line. A penalty put the ball on the one yard line and Robinson dived over for the score. The attempted conversion was no good and Prairie View continued to lead, 13-12.

The Lions then started the brilliant attack which doomed the Taylor-coached machine to defeat. The attack centered around Robinson, Harkins, and Jackson and the winning touchdown was made just before the game ended.

THE LINE UP

LANGSTON (18)	
Stewart	Left End
MASON	Left Tackle
SNEED	Left Guard
EASLEY	Center
DANIELS	Right Guard
DIGGS	Right Tackle
HARKINS	Right End
MILLIGAN	Quarter Back
ROBINSON	Left Half
JOHNSON	Right Half
CARLON	Full Back
PRAIRIE VIEW (13)	
ROBINSON	Left End
YOUNG	Left Tackle
WARREN	Left Guard
HENRY	Center
BOONE	Right Guard
NICHOLS	Right Tackle
FISHER	Right End
M. JACKSON	Quarter Back
TUCKER	Left Half
FINLEY	Right Half
DORSEY	Full Back

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Substitutes— Prairie View: Evans, Elder, Norville, F. Jackson, Simson, D. Johnson, Chase. Langston: R. Johnson, Cadjoe, Cahee, Sneed, Swinston, Malone.

Officials: P. D. Whitted (West Virginia) referee; R. W. Lights (Morehouse) umpire; Ramond Johnson (Tuskegee); field judge; Sam Lassiter (Howard), head linesman.

Someone Said They Never Come Back.

Uncle Mike is back from Miami and the puppets are dancing at string-ends. I see where Uncle Mike, with his benign and friendly mien, has reached across the nation to give Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, the old triple-champ, a pat on the back and, incidentally, conclude a little deal to bring Henry East for a Garden bout Jan. 29. Of course, Uncle Mike is concerned only with Armstrong's welfare—he wants to see Henry do better than all right on his comeback trail.



Joe Cummiskey.

The P.M. Daily

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Armstrong, you know, is matched for 10 with Sidney Walker, who has come to be known as Beau Jack, and also as quite a fighter. Probably the best of the country's lightweights now operating, too.

Now it could well be that Armstrong's comeback campaign is the exception that proves that old rule: *They Never Come Back*. Henry's showing, since he rumbled out of retirement a few days before his old manager, Eddie Mead, put the chips back last Summer, has been impressive to enough writers to make them vote his achievement the most notable in sports in 1942. Even more notable than the surge that carried the Cards to the pennant over the Brooks. But, on taking the long view of the Armstrong-Jack announcement, I begin to suspect a slight case of wishful thinking.

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Since that January night in 1941 when Hammerin' Hennery found that even his great arms and legs and pushing, punching style could go just so far and no farther; and when Fritzie Zivic, the thumby vet from Pittsburgh, punched Armstrong's face into a bloody pulp, but couldn't (or wouldn't) deliver the final blow to floor him, I wonder dedly about Armstrong's comeback.

JAN 5 1943

New York Mirror

That, you'll find if you'll look up the papers in the Public Library or at the newspaper morgues, was the kid's last fight. It was said at the time that he had saved the money that came cascading upon him when he held the triple title (feather-, light-, and welterweight) for so long.

I remember the face of rotund Eddie Mead, the kid's manager, when he told him, with tears in his eyes, that that was his last fight.

"You'll get killed. Or worse, you'll be on your heels," Eddie said. And Army promised he was through.

He wanted to lead a swing band. And he did for a while. He tried public speaking. But he kept looking at his fists. He wasn't happy, I guess. But, most of all, the money we all thought he had put away against just such a day wasn't there, after all.

So he came back to that rosy but rock-shot road and he dropped his head and hunched his shoulders and threw with his left and his right. And now, two years older, he's coming back to the Garden—the same Garden that was filled with a record-smashing crowd and fairly rumbled with the ovation they thought was Army's farewell two Winters ago.

I keep thinking of the bloody slits where his eyes were and the gore that was on him that night and the happy look that cut through his mask of blood as the voice of the crowd kept tumbling through his dressing room door long after he was out of the ring.

The P.M. Daily

I suppose it's stuff such as that which keeps the spirit burning in the bodies of men such as Armstrong. And the stuff that finally embraces them, like a heavy drug, in a clasp that even high intelligence and fine demeanor and great sportsmanship cannot break.

New York Sun

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It's that, I'm sure, nearly as much as the money that brings Hennery East again. He certainly is entitled to get all he can, because he has been a great credit to an often sordid profession.

But when he steps up for his physical checkup I hope the medical examiners give him a thorough going-over, with particular attention paid to the scar-tissued eyebrows and lids. It's ironic that his opponent is Beau Jack, the little Negro shoeshine boy from Georgia, who reached the heights by idolizing Armstrong as a sportsman and copying his style as a fighter.

I must say that I'm not wanting to put the knock on Hammerin' Henry, because he certainly deserves everything he can get—but only so long as what he gets is good.

JAN 30 1943

Washington Post

Rehearing Denied In Negro Golf Case

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 29 (AP).—A motion for rehearing and modification of its ruling that Negroes did not have the right to play on all of Baltimore's municipal golf courses because one has been assigned for their use was denied by the Maryland Court of Appeals today.

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The court, in an opinion handed down December 8, 1942, reversed and remanded for a new trial a Baltimore City Superior Court decision which threw open all four city golf courses to the Negroes.

The lower court had awarded a writ of mandamus compelling the Baltimore City Boar dof Park Commissioners to admit the Negroes to all links and refused to stay issuance of the writ pending an appeal.

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Jack Snubs Willie Pep

FEB 10 1943

Hints He'll Wait For Armstrong

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Miffed by the attitude of Lou Viscusi, manager of Featherweight Champion Willie Pep. Charles (Chick) Wergeles screeched that so far as Lightweight Champion Beau Jack was concerned the titleholders' proposed clash March 5 was colder than the Russian Winter. As a result Wergeles said Beau Jack might pass up that date and wait for a bout with Henry Armstrong late in March or on April 2.

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Armstrong, recuperating from a recent tonsillectomy in Los Angeles, probably will head East early next month to fulfill contracts to fight in Philadelphia and here.

"We don't have to wait on Pep," rasped Wergeles, "we're all signed to fight Armstrong anyway. We only postponed the match to let Armstrong have his operation."

To Wergeles' way of figuring, Beau Jack-Armstrong is just as strong a draw as Pep-Beau Jack, possibly stronger. All Beau Jack has to do is to give Zivic a licking, because Armstrong licked Zivic in his last big fight."

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Larkin Gets Armstrong

Beau Jack Loses Shot With Henry

FEB 10 1943

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Beau Jack knocked Tippy Larkin out of the lightweight title, but today it began to appear that Larkin has knocked Beau Jack out of his desired bout with Henry Armstrong here late next month. The Newark fighter has signed to meet Armstrong March 8 at San Francisco which would hardly leave time for Henry to fulfill his contracted date at Philadelphia and then fight in this city before the Garden boxing shutdown after [illegible] Manager Angelo Pucci yesterday at Hackensack, Larkin, announced is through fighting as a lightweight. He expects Tippy will weigh 141 for Armstrong.

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SAYS NEGRO OWNERS MUFFED CHANCE TO CRASH BIG LEAGUE

Bee Chicago, Ill.
FEB 25 1943

By RICHARD ROBINSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22. (ANP)—The lull in the fight to get Negro ball players into the big leagues indicates the lukewarm attitude taken to this move by club owners both white and colored. At a time when there is every opportunity at hand to push the entry of Negroes into the big leagues, there is inactivity bespeaking the actual feelings of those controlling baseball toward the proposition.

Negro owners are not anxious to lose the stars who proved drawing cards in an unprecedented successful season last year. Because of this, the white club owners are not being urged to take on the Negro players, although though the leagues are losing men right and left.

Daily papers decry the dearth of replacements to substitute for the DiMaggios, Ted Williams, Red Ruffings and the many other lesser lights, but brilliant big leaguers now in the armed services.

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Negro baseball has been equally hard hit, but there are still some fine colored players to whom this would be a godsend—an opportunity to play in the big leagues. Negro owners are not urging the infiltration of Negro stars in white organized baseball. The reason is plain.

Here in Washington last year, the Greys played to crowds which surpassed those drawn by the Washington American league team; especially was this true when the Greys played the Kansas City Monarchs. So successful were these games, repeat performances became a habit with the Kansas City Monarchs spending much of their time in the east to reap the golden harvest which so suddenly bloomed in the capital.

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Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington American League team watched every one of these games and paid more attention to the bulging stands ($1.10 to $2.20) than he did to the ball games. There were great empty stretches in the bleachers. Negroes did not want to be cheap when it came to patronizing games played by Negroes, therefore, the box office fairly burst with the day's receipts.

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It is asking a great deal to expect the Negro (sic) owners of the Negro clubs to give up such an opportunity in order to enrich white club owners, who in the past, have ignored Negroes in every way.

There are exceptions to the latter, to wit, the New York Yankees, who annually made cash contributions to worthy Negro charities. On the other hand, the New York Giants made no such concession, although they enjoyed a heavy colored patronage.

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But the sponsors of the movement for Negroes in big leagues have fallen down at the crucial moment. They will wait until the season, such as it is, gets under full sway and then set up a howl which will be heard around the world. They should have quietly insisted that some Negro players be taken to the now closed training camps where they could have been under the watchful eye of the club manager, received high class coaching and instruction and had an opportunity to mingle with other players in an atmosphere not of the southern training camps.

The owners of the big league clubs are not going to make the first gesture. They're holding off as long as they can and will not yield even to the most terrific pressure unless their attendance is affected and the caliber of players fail to meet the approval of the fans in the stands who pay the freight.

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Prize fighting here in Washington learned a lesson from this angle. As soon as mixed bouts were legally approved, they began to spring up all over the place, with the exception of the privately - sponsored amateur tournaments. Any boxing card now without a mixed bout or two is usually a flop. Fans turn out in hundreds to see the white boy knock the block off the colored boy and the colored fans pay top prices to see one of their own wham hell out of a white boy. And so it will be in baseball, if the originators of the Negroes in big leagues movement, get busy.

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Long before Negroes took up the fight, Jimmy Powers of the Daily News has a champion for the cause. However, Sir James has been strangely silent on the topic these days, with no one knowing the why nor wherefore. So when whites desert the Negro, his next best bet is to help himself. Right now, he isn't doing it.

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april 3, 1943 The Informer

Los Angeles Votes Real American On Dropping Race Bar

LOS ANGELES.—(ANP)—Influenced by the appeals of a number of local citizens and arousing greatly last Tuesday's city council meeting, Councilman Carl C. Rasmussen, along recognized as a fighter and torch-bearer for Negroes rights in civic matters, made the following motion which definitely bears the distinction of being a mile post in his distinguished career of servce.

"I move that the city council of Los Angeles go on record as expressing its conviction that there should be no distinction, restriction or discrimination against the hiring of baseball players in organized baseball because of race, color or creed."

Rasmussen reasoned with his intently listening audience that in all fields of American sport recognition should be given on the grounds of inherent ability and no other barriers should be allowed to operate against participants.

Supporting his opinion, the councilman cited the record of Kenny Washington, now on the local police force.

Several others present as onlookers argued in his behalf, when recognized by the floor. When Councilman Rasmussen concluded his effective reasoning, the city council unanimously approved the motion.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Bob Kelley Steals Show In Big 10 Outdoor Meet

Chicago Defender

EVANSTON, Ill.—Robert Kelley, University of Illinois, stole the show at the forty-third annual Big Ten outdoor meet Saturday, May 15, in Dyche stadium, although the meet was run on a track ankle-deep with water in places and during a downpour of rain. Kelley won the 440-yard run and the half-mile event. He also ran a great anchor on the winning Illinois one-mile relay team.

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In the quarter-mile run, Leroy Vranek, white freshman from Illinois, set the pace with white Bob Ufer, Michigan's indoor Big Ten quarter-mile champion, moving up when Kelley passed Vranek at the of the stretch. Kelley was in the lead by two and one-half yards and Ufer could not close the gap.

Fifty yards from the finish, Ufer opened up but found Kelley ready to turn loose that powerful kick he has at the finish. Kelley won by 12 feet and the time was given as 49.8.

Kelley and Ufer again hooked up in the anchor quarter on the one-mile relay championship. Kelley repeated his 440-yard run performance and beat Ufer to the take by a dozen feet.

With the 440-yard runs out of his system, no one could be found who would have given Kelley any chance in the half-mile. The meet had become a fight between the University of Illinois and the University of Michigan thinclads. Michigan had lost to Illinois in a dual meet a few weeks ago at Champaign, Ill.

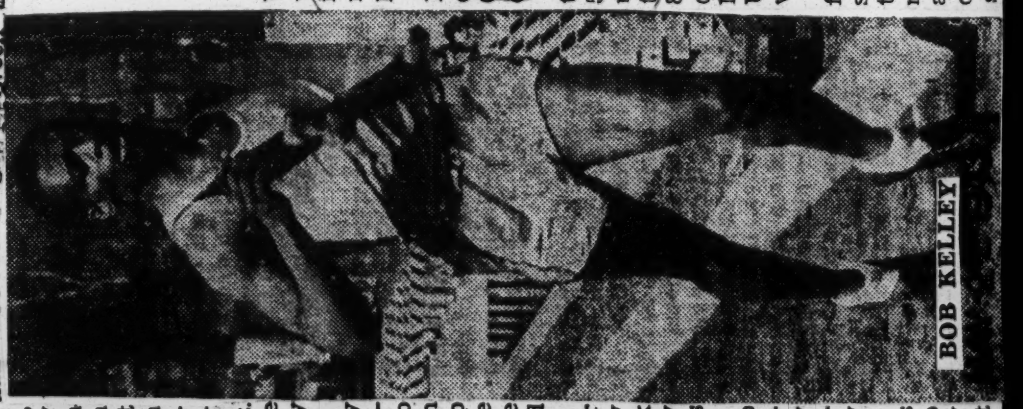
At Champaign, John Roxborough, Michigan's rangy Big Ten indoor champion, had finished third at the top of the outdoor event. Michigan had entered only four men in the event.

Plans have been completed for a big Satchel Paige day in honor of the famous Negro baseball pitcher at Wrigley field Sunday afternoon, July 18. The occasion will be a colored four team double header with Paige pitching for one of the teams. The event will commemorate the 20 years of pitching in the big time, an anniversary he reaches July 20. Satchel will pitch for the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American league in a game with the New York Cubans of the National league.

Satchel Paige to Be Honored at Negro Games

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Chicago, Illinois



BOB KELLEY

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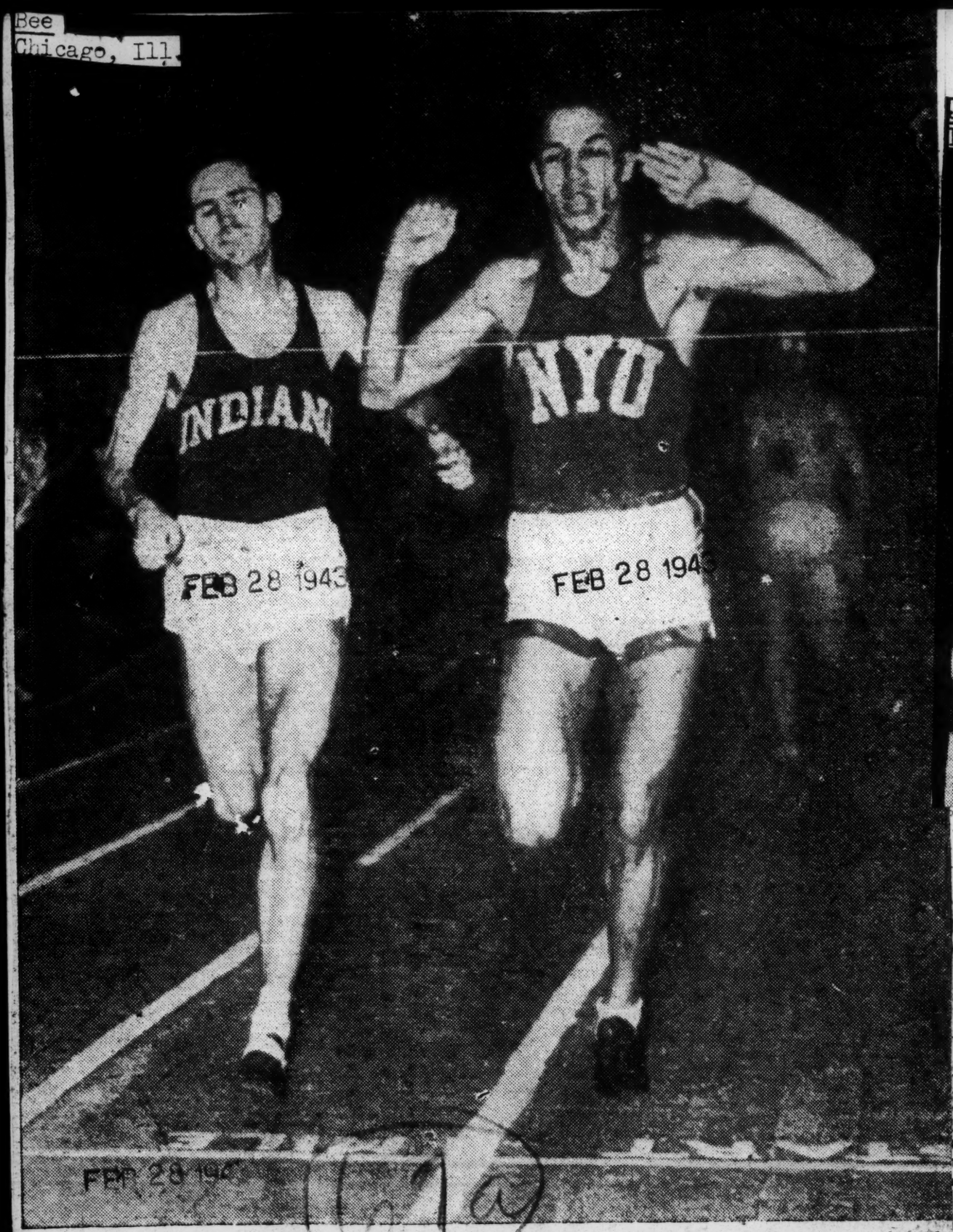
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Bee
Chicago, Ill.



WINNING — Frank Dixon, sensational NYU distance runner, is pictured coming in ahead of favorite Earl Mitchell when the two ran the famous "Hunter Mile" in Boston, Saturday. Occasion was the 54th Annual Indoor Meet of the Boston Athletic Club.

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New York, N. Y.

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Paige Is Coming

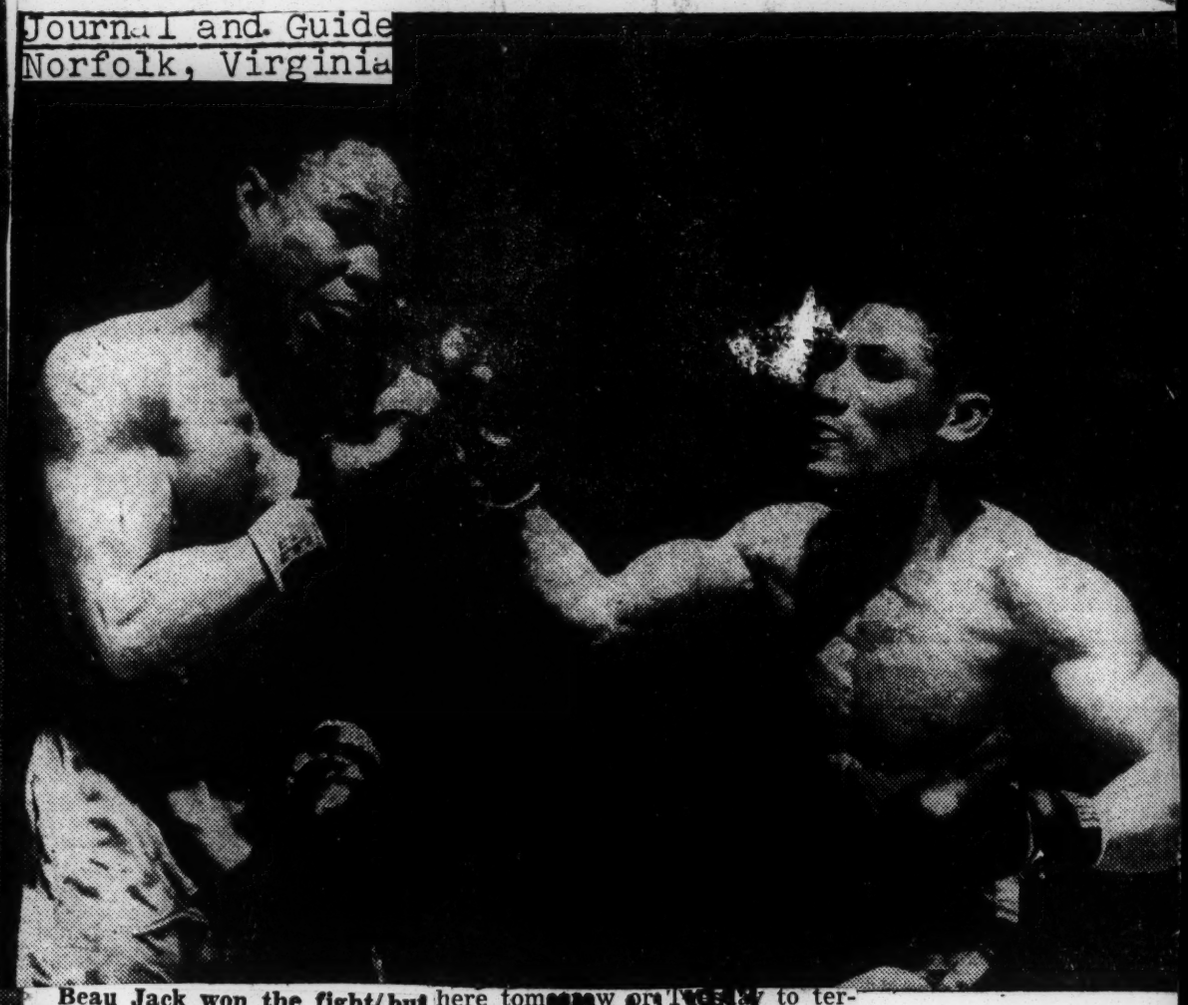
LeRoy (Satchel) Paige, most enduring, as well as most spectacular Negro pitcher (he's 36 and has put in 19 seasons), will make his first 1943 appearance on Sunday, June 27, at Yankee Stadium. He will pitch for the Kansas City Monarchs, Negro world's champions, against the New York Cubans in the feature of a doubleheader.

Paige's club has been working its way east on tour and today plays a double bill with the Homestead Grays at Griffith Stadium, Washington. On Thursday night the Grays and Monarchs drew 23,000 to Griffith Stadium, outdrawing the Senators and Yankees who, on previous nights, attracted 12,000 and 21,000.

Action In Sensational Fight

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia



Beau Jack won the fight but Henry Armstrong won the hearts of the fight fans as he went down in defeat gloriously in his feature comeback battle against the young Jack in Madison Square Garden last Friday night. Hammering Hank, who once held three world crowns simultaneously, was near his old-time form in this fight but the youth and speed of Beau Jack proved his undoing. The ring-wise veteran is shown are cleverly letting one of Jack's blows slide off his shoulder as the young Jack puts all his straining muscles can muster in the punch. It was one of the most sensational fights ever seen in the garden.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

APR 10 1943

Montgomery To Come Here Early in Week

Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia Negro who won the world's lightweight boxing championship from Beau Jack recently, is to repoort here tomorrow or Tuesday to terminate training for his scheduled 10-round bout with Frankie Wills, District welterweight champion, at Griffith Stadium Tuesday, July 20.

Frankie Thomas, manager of Montgomery, last night announced that the champion and his staff have accepted an invitation tendered by Tom O'Donnell to establish an open-air training camp at O'Donnell's Griffith Farms in nearby Maryland, and that Montgomery will be accompanied here by his own sparring mates.

Wills, meanwhile, will continue his workouts at the Century Athletic Club, Baltimore, where he is training daily under the joint supervision of Billy Edwards and Heinie Blaustein.

Montgomery, 24 years of age, has one of the finest records in the boxing game. He is the fourth Negro to have won the world's lightweight crown, having been preceded by Joe Cans, Henry Armstrong and Beau Jack.

Montgomery, a combination boxer and puncher, knocked out Al Reasoner in the sixth round of his last start in New Orleans this past July 4, and also scored a knockout in his only appearance here previously when he disposed of Wishy Jones at the ball park.

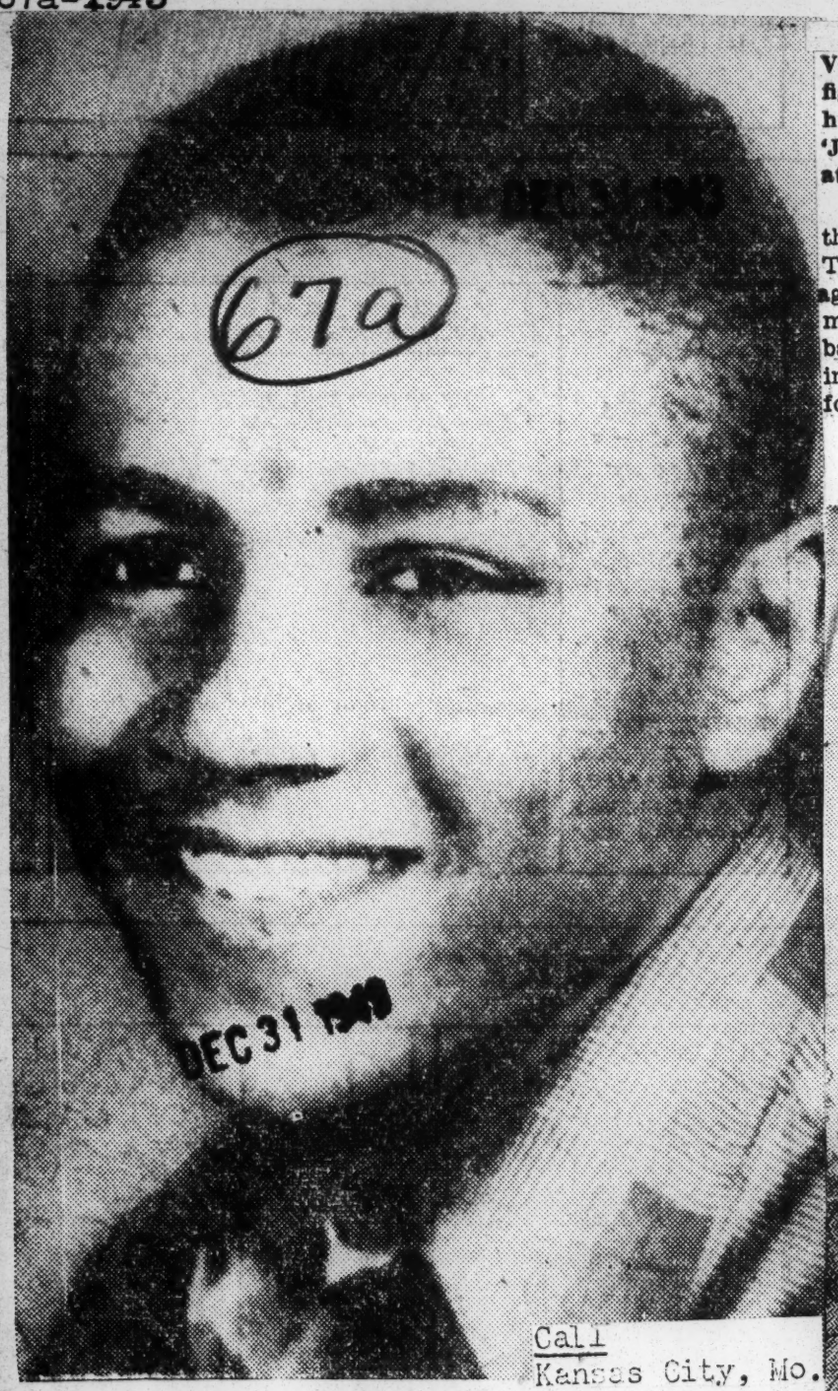
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Between the years of 1938-41 the compiled a make the most of it. respect magnificent record when he won 24 bouts on knockouts, 15 on decision, boxed two draws and lost only three decisions in 44 bouts.

Tickets are priced at $1.20, $2.40, $3.60 and $5.00. Reservations may be made at Griffith Stadium or through DUpont 6333.

Wills, who made financial concessions in taking this bout in order to make possible payment of a $5000 guarantee with a privilege of 32 1-2 per cent to Montgomery, hails this as an opportunity he has

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Kansas City, Mo.

DIES AFTER TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT.—CHICAGO, Ill.—Al Reasoner of Hines, Ill., who died Dec. 21, at Columbus hospital, after he lost to Freddie Dawson on a technical knockout in the 10th round of the fight at the Marigold gardens. Reasoner was knocked down for a one-count, and later for a two-count and was then knocked down for a third time when the fight was stopped.

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News of Negro Athletes

Daily Worker

Hugh Fullerton, leading sports writer of the Associated Press, writes that the longest recorded run of the past football season was made by a Negro back, Bob King, captain of the Hampton Institute team. Fullerton states that King's 103-yard dash against Camp Pickett on Thanksgiving came on a kickoff which King grabbed behind his goal line and then raced up the field 103 yards for the score.

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Another blow to Jim Crow in sports! The first Negro basketball player to play on a Big Ten team is Franklin Whittaker, center of the Chicago U. court team. Whittaker is a freshman and was a football, basketball and track star in high school at Columbus, Ohio. Negro players have been on innumerable Big Ten football teams but this is the first time a Negro lad has played basketball.

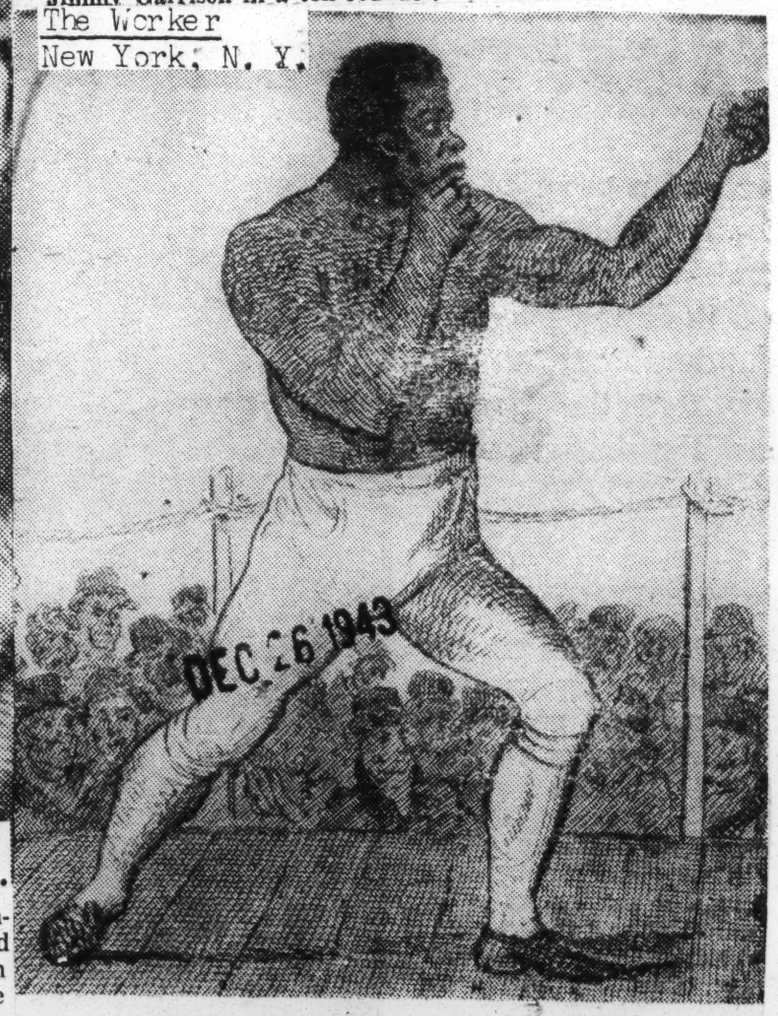
Joe Bostic, sports editor of the leading Negro weekly, **The People's Voice, reports: "Chris Dundee, the democratic thinking—and acting—fight manager, deserves a nod for voiding the anti-Negro press rule at his bouts in Norfolk, Virginia. He insisted that Lem Graves, the 'Journal and Guide' sports editor, be accorded full press courtesies at the coverage of fights in that city."**

The New York Journal-American, of whose politics you are thoroughly familiar, is sponsoring a gala basketball doubleheader next Thursday night, Dec. 23, which will bring together the famed Rennies against the Americans and the Philadelphia Spahns against the Wilmington Bombers. They will play at the Manhattan Center, pro basketball court in the city. The Rennies are the leading pro team in the world and recently pulled 23,000 fans into the Chicago Stadium for a game with the college All-Stars.

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And this hurts: Henry Armstrong is launching still another comeback. He fights again on the coast on Jan. 14, facing Jimmy Garrison in a ten-rounder.

The Worker
New York, N. Y.



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TOM MOLYNEUX

Tom Molyneux: America's First Heavyweight Champ

DEC 26 1943

By BILL MARDO

UNKNOWN to many fight fans is the fact that the first heavyweight champion of America was a hard-punching young Negro, Tom Molyneux.

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Born into a family of slaves owned by the Molyneux's of Virginia, Tom was the latest addition to a long line of fighters. His father and grandfather were also noted for their fistic prowess.

How Tom Molyneux became a free man is not accurately known, but the early 19th Century found him holding down a porter's job at the old Catherine Market in New York. This Market was the stamping-grounds of the Negro sportsmen, and it was there that young Molyneux proved his adeptness at the business of give-and-take.

By 1809 Tom had received unofficial recognition as the American heavy champ. An influential sporting sea captain soon sounded out Molyneux on the question of jumping the Big Pond and tangling with Tom Cribb, English heavyweight king.

Molyneux arrived in England during the early summer of 1810, and was immediately taken into tow by Bill Richmond, a former Negro boxer. The ringwise Richmond whipped Molyneux into shape and got him two warmup bouts, previous to Tom's scrap with Cribb. Molyneux whipped both men impressively, and Richmond considered his young protege sharp enough to take Cribb.

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The historic match took place at Capthorn, near East Grinstead, Essex, on December 10, 1810. Cribb, considered one of the bare-knuckle greats of all time, weighed in at 190, and Molyneux had a weight advantage of 8 pounds . . . Gentleman Jackson, ex-English champ and great friend of Lord Byron, was on tap as referee.

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Molyneux's [illegible] gave him a decided edge in the early rounds, and the great Negro boxer floored Cribb for a short count in the 9th. . . .

But the amazing durability and ceaseless body-attack of Cribb's was also taking its effect. Pearce Egan, noted fight writer of his day, described the 23rd round of that gruelling brawl:

"The wind of both combatants appearing somewhat damaged they sparred some time to recruit it, when Cribb put a blow on the left eye of Molyneux, which had hitherto escaped milling. The Moor (Molyneux) ran in, gave Cribb a severe hit on the body, and then threw him heavily."

That body-punch of Molyneux's had come at the tail-end of the round, and Cribb was a very sick man as he went back to his corner. The ring rules governing that fight called for the contestants to be in midring 8 seconds after the end of the previous round. But it looked very much as if Cribb, lying exhausted in his handler's arms, would never be able to come out for the 24th round. . . .

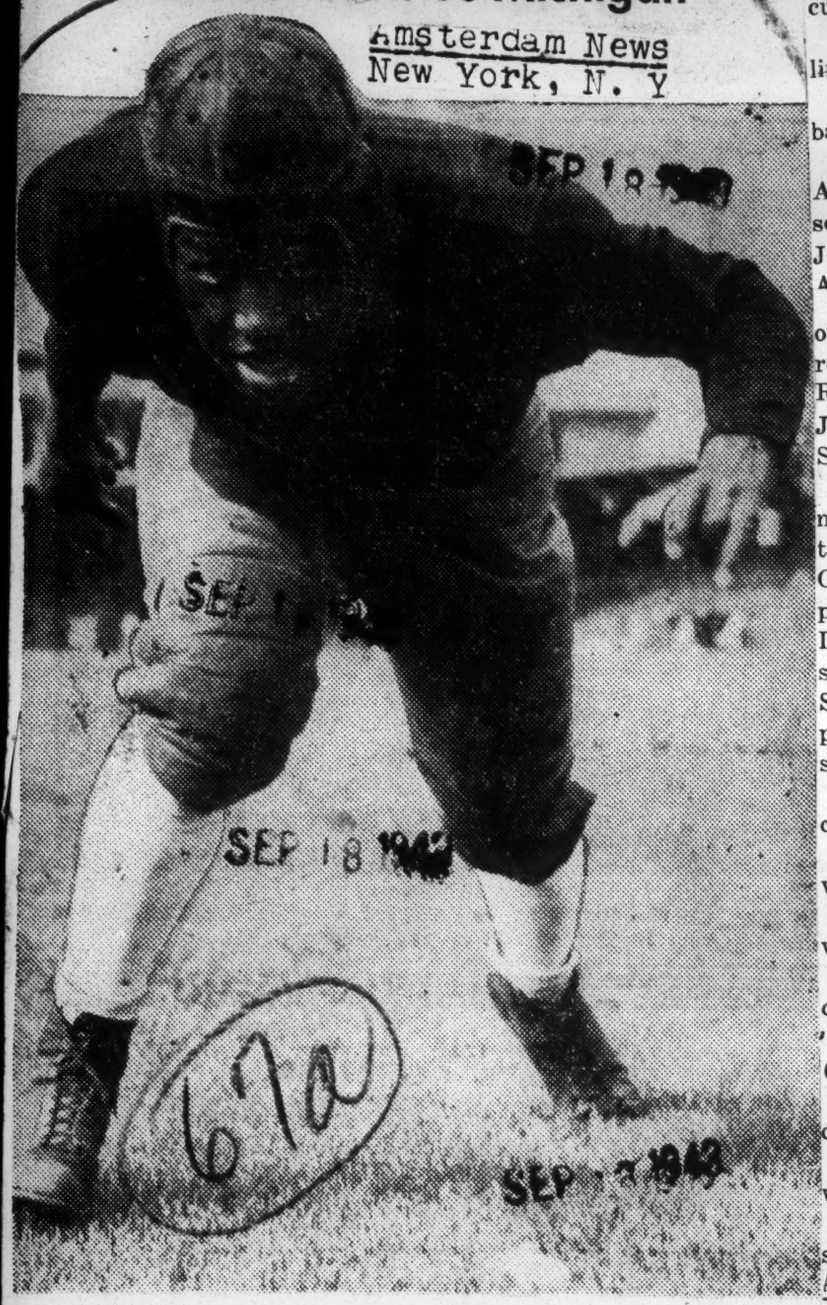
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Then, a bit of shenannigans occurred which changed the outcome of the bout. Cribb's wily seconds walked over to Molyneux's corner and screamed "Foul!"—claiming that the Negro boxer had been fighting with a piece of metal in his hands. The referee quickly examined Molyneux's mitts and found nothing . . . In the interim, Cribb had gained some three minutes' rest and was fully refreshed when the bell rang for the 24th round!

And so the fight went on. Cribb methodically wore down his opponent with his milling barrage of body-blows. Molyneux's attack was the last round of this Cribb might be called fighting, in what which Molyneux had materially the worst of it, but the battle flying fists of champion." But despite his setback by the neux won the of Cribb, Tom Molyon the applause and adof the English people. when he fe does history—past and

Illness Blow To Michigan

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y



JULIUS FRANKS, great senior guard at the University of Michigan, who was reported out for the season by Coach Fritz Crisler because of illness. Franks' removal from that team dealt a terrific blow to Michigan's hopes this year since he was considered the most consistent performer on the 1942 eleven and generally credited with paving the way for Michigan's victory over Notre Dame. He made three All-America elevens last year—Newsweek, Collier's and the Hearst newspaper selections.

Tuskegee's Women Honored For Track Feats By NAAU

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The National Women's Track and Field Committee in session at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, December 5, selected an All-American team, the following stars winning places:

Stella Wash, Cleveland, Ohio, 100- and 200-meter dashes and running broad jump.

Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute, 50-meter dash and running high jump.

Nancy Cowperthwaite, German-American Athletic Club, New York, 80-meter hurdles.

Franc[illegible]born, Cleveland, discus throw, and eight-pound shot.

Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, javelin.

Elaine Grothe, Chicago, baseball throw.

400-meter relay: Stella Wash, **Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee Institute, and** Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg (Pa.) Athletic Club.

It is interesting to note that on the All-American 400-meter relay team Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison and Jeanette Jones are colored girls and Stella [illegible]

Members of the Tuskegee Women's Track and Field Team participated in their first National Championships in the final Olympic tryouts at Providence, Rhode Island, July 4, 1936, and tied for second place with 15 points. Since then the team has participated in the following championships with results as indicated:

1937—At Trenton, N.J., won championships, 33 points.

1938—At Naugatuck, Conn., won championships, 30 points.

1939—At Waterbury, Conn., won championships, 33 points.

1940—At Ocean City, N.J., won championships, 85 points.

1941—At Atlantic City, N.J. (indoor), won champion[illegible]

1941—At [illegible] City, N.J., won championships, 110 points.

1942—At Ocean City, N.J., won championships, 80 points.

1943—At Cleveland, Ohio, won second place, 77⅓ points.

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.

SIAC Conference Meets And Elects Officers

ATLANTA, Ga.—The third war-time meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was held here Saturday. All sessions were held in the Science Building on the Morehouse College campus. Basketball schedules for the 1943-1944 season were arranged also the football schedules for the season of 1944.

Officers elected, who will serve for one year, are: Dr. St. Elmo Brady, Fisk University, president; Dr. Artis Graves, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, first vice-president; A. S. Gaither, Florida A. and M. College, second vice-president; R. B. Russell, Knoxville College, third vice-president; C. Johnson Dunn, Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, secretary-treasurer; Capt. Darnaby, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Among those in attendance were: A. S. Archer, W. Smith, Morehouse College; Ralph Robinson, A. B. Wright, H. S. Elliott, Clark College; A. J. Lockhart, Artis P. Graves, Morris Brown College; A. S. Gaither, B. Neilson, Florida A. and M. College; Henderson A. Johnson, Dr. St. Elmo Brady, Fisk University; Ollie Dawson, State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; C. Johnson Dunn, [illegible] Teachers College, Montgomery; Cleve L. Abbott, Edward H. Adams, R. S. Darnaby, Tuskegee Inst., and B. T. Harvey, also of Morehouse College. Invited to meet with the officials were Capt. Harold Martin and Lt. John Ballard of the Tuskegee Army [illegible]

Crisler Very Downcast Now

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa

Colored Ace Set Up Last Year's Win from Notre Dame

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (Special) — Pessimistic shadows darken the practice field here as Coach Fritz Crisler's 1943 football hopefuls go about their chores. And while the wily mentor is credited by opponents with having one of the strongest potential prospects in Big Ten football circles, Crisler is making no bones about the blow the team has sustained through the loss of its great guard, Julius [illegible]ks.

Franks, the 190-pound colored star, was removed from the squad for the season because of illness and his absence leaves a tremendous gap in the forward wall that Crisler had banked so much hope upon.

Franks made three all-America elevens last year and was nominated for second place on the Associated Press squad for the guard post.

The husky youngster was Michigan's most consistent and steadiest player last year and is generally credited with providing the turning point of the sensational Michigan triumph over Notre Dame with a vicious tackle in the third period that resulted in a fumble and a touchdown over the Irish for the Wolverines.

Together with Marvin Pregulman and Fred Negus, Franks would have formed the nucleus of experienced players for Crisler's outfit.

Franks received a chest injury in the recent game between the College All-Stars and the Washington Redskins. He is said to be confined in the same ward with Halfback Tom Kuzma, who is recovering from a lung ailment.

Colored-White Teams Play Basketball In Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (SNS) — It is something new under the Kentucky sun which shines so bright in our old Kentucky home.

Last Friday night [illegible] Booker T. Washington basketball team of Ashland champion of the Eastern, Ky. Colored League from 1938 to 1943 and runner up this year in the Negro state tournament, played the famous Comets all whites from Oliver Hill where there is not a Colored man, woman or child to be found — even the horses, chickens and jackasses are all white.

The Comets won after a hard fight 34-22. But that is not the interesting part of the news. The kernel of the news is that a white and colored team could play as intimate a game of basketball in Kentucky and the heavens not fall. The Colored team and Colored coach were the only Colored people present yet they were cheered vociferously when they made good plays.

The same teams will play January 18 in Ashland, Ky. the home of the new Governor S. S. Willis.

The incident shows all this racial prejudice, race differences and superiority is so much tommy rot When let alone White and Colored people can get along together.

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

Cubans Take Two From Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM.—The New York Cubans Stars won both ends of a double header Sunday from the Birmingham Black Barons, winners of the first half of the split season in the Negro American league race. The scores were: Cubans, 11; Birmingham, 3; and Cubans, 2, Birmingham, 1.

The Cubans trimmed Birmingham at Chattanooga, 17 to 8, at Nashville, the Barons won 4 to 1. In Louisville, the Cubans downed Birmingham, 4 to 2, and at Indianapolis, the Easterners won, 5 to 2.

Birmingham, Ala. News

Joe Louis Reported To Be Flat Broke

Joe Louis, who earned something like two million, is reported to be as broke as a Christmas savings bank. Just how Louis got never figured in the [illegible] at all of his ring earnings hasn't been explained. But the broke for it, is said he owes the government $100,000 for income taxes. Looks like someone would have sold Louis on annuity insurance against the day!

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After The Ball Is Over:

Armstrong Retires After Ballet Dance With Robinson Flops; 'Sugar' on Tour

Somebody came out on the short end of the so-called "battle" between Henry Armstrong and Ray Robinson at the Garden Friday night. It wasn't Uncle Mike Jacobs, because a crowd of 15,371 cash customers filed past the turnstiles to ring the register up at $60,789.31. Ringside suckers got soaked $16.50 for as dismal an exhibition as ever came out of the famous arena. Corporal Robinson won without even trying.

In spite of the pre-fight build-up, the 10-round exhibition of what not to do in a prize ring was pathetic. The former Homicide Hank Armstrong was about as lethal as a horse-fly suffering from a liberal squirting of Flit.

Corporal Ray Robinson didn't just look apathetic in what is now being called his last fight for the duration. The "Sugar" sweet as his name. He tapped Hank with a left in the second round, drew blood, and that was just about the last real blow landed for the evening.

Demanded Action

In the third round the customers, especially the blokes at the ringside who were seeing their $16.50 go up in smoke, got tired of the ballet dance going on in the squared circle, and started yelling for action. "Toss 'em Out!" came the enraged howls from different sections of the Garden. Even the peanut gallery was getting impatient.

Hank had trouble slipping into the bouncing Ray fast enough to bring himself into punching territory. Armstrong gave a hint of his former famous weaving style, but Ray was constantly on the go. He was an expert at missing his opponent, Friday night. Never before in the history of Madison Square Garden, we'll wager, has a fighter tossed so many into thin air. It wasn't that Ray was so bad; he seemed to feel he was fighting a shadow and he wasn't enthusiastic about it.

Outweighed Hank

Ray took all 10 rounds. He wasn't in difficulty at any time. He outweighed Hank by five pounds, tipping the scales at 145, while Armstrong weighed in at 140.

After the dismal exhibition, Armstrong stated his intentions of retiring. "I never was too good against those fight-on-the-run-boys," he said, "but I never was as bad against that type as I was tonight. But even at my best, I'd have had a hard time with Ray. He's a great fighter, fast, and a hard hitter. He only hurt me once, though. It's time for me to call it a day. I won't do any more fighting. I'm going to manage fighters from now on."

Ray will leave for a tour of Army camps with Joe Louis, but no more fighting until after The Lights Come On Again.

Age
New York, N. Y.

Track Championship Won By Negro Squad At Chanute Field

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—The 18th Aviation Squadron has been making quite a name for itself in the field of sports this past summer at Chanute Field Post of Army Air Force Technical Training Command.

The squadron track team has won the Post Track Championship twice in a row this summer. Being the only colored squadron on the field and being one of the smallest, this is indeed quite a feat. Their softball team has displayed outstanding ability on the diamond this summer, as well. The 18th's softball team is one of the strongest favorites, from the spectators' view point, on the field. Always giving the crowd a thrill with their spectacular, as well as colorful playing, the 18th finished second in their league.

Their athletic program is under the supervision of the physical training instructors, Sgt. Thomas Hart from Williamstown, Mass. former New York University trackman, and Hampton Institute track and basketball star; and Sgt. Samuel White from New Haven, Conn. former New Haven High School state high-jumping champion, and semi-pro basketball player for the New Haven Co[illegible]. The squadron is expecting to be well represented in basketball and bowling this fall and winter. With a well rounded physical training program, the soldiers are kept in the best physical condition.

Part of the squadron is made up of students who are receiving training as army air force machinists, welders, sheetmetal workers, and electricians. Chanute also provides the only opportunity for Negroes to receive advanced training to become specialists in the field of propeller men, instrument [illegible] and electricians. [illegible] school here at Chanute Field, soldiers have distinguished themselves at Tuskegee, Selfridge Field, and in several foreign theaters of war.

According to all reports from their three key men, First Sergeant Joseph McGaffie, of Houston, Texas; Personnel Adjutant, 2nd Lt. Joseph Kowalchuk, of College Point, Long Island, N. Y., former professional basketball player of New York City, [illegible] their Commanding Officer, Captain William J. Sobansky of Pittsburgh, Pa., their morale is high, and they are a swell bunch of soldiers.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Ohio State's Colored Star Scores Three

Ernie Parks Beats Missouri Almost Single-Handed, 27-6

COLUMBUS, O. (Special)—Reminiscent of the greatness achieved by Ozzie Simmons, the black wizard of the gridiron in 1935 against Northwestern in Dyche Stadium, Evanston, Ill., when the Iowa flash ran wild, scoring three touchdowns almost at will, another spectacular Negro backfield star has blossomed forth here in the 17-year-old freshman, Ernie Parks, big Canton, Ohio, lad who duplicated Simmons' feet in scoring three touchdowns here Saturday against the University of Missouri as his team, Ohio State, won, 27-6.

The week before the critics wrote a finis on Parks' grid career saying that the 190-lb. six foot two inch speed merchant would prove a detriment to Coach Paul E. Brown's 1943 eleven.

They based their conclusions on Parks inept handling of the ball against Iowa's Seahawks when he "froze" several times and fumbled his team out of several chances to score.

The right halfback of the Buckeye "Kiddy Corps," who is also the State's 100 and 200 yard high school sprint champion, under other circumstances and under a different coach, would have had a seat on the bench, especially against such strong and important competition as Missouri.

But Coach Brown thought otherwise of the situation. Said he: "I'll keep him in there. He's a great back, and he'll prove it."

Carries Ball 207 Yards

Parks backed up Coach Brown's confidence in him 100%. He carried the ball 27 times for a total of 207 yards, and scored his three touchdowns on journeys of 10, 25 and 61 yards with hardly a hand laid upon him. That's the way Ozzie Simmons operated against Northwestern for Iowa. Simmons was so fleet, so elusive that veteran scribes in the press coop called him the Wizard of Oz. Parks' performance patterned after that of Simmons in nearly every instance, save for the yardage traversed on his touchdown jaunts.

Amsterdam Star-New
New York, N. Y.

Ask Fair Play On Admitting Colored Aces

Paul Robeson Tells Major League Bosses How H[illegible] Met Problem of Co[illegible]

Demand for immediate steps to be taken to accept Negro players into the framework of organized baseball, a Committee from the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association was allowed to air its views before the joint session of the Major Leagues Friday at the Hotel Roosevelt with Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, high commissioner, presiding.

Paul Robeson, famous athlete and all-American, who is starring on Broadway in "Othello," was presented in a short talk as a special guest of Judge Landis. Robeson described his experiences as an athlete and as an actor on the color question and closed his remarks with a stirring plea for fair play and tolerance by the magnates toward colored players.

Those Who Appeared

Appearing before the joint session were the following representatives of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association: John H. Sengstacke, Association President, and Publisher of the Chicago Defender; Howard H. Murphy, Secretary of the Association and Business Manager of the Baltimore Afro-American; Dr. C. B. Powell, Publishers of the New York Amsterdam News; Ira F. Lewis, Publisher of the Pittsburgh Courier; Louis E. Martin, Publisher of the Michigan Chronicle; William O. Walker, Publisher of the Cleveland Call and Post, and Dan Burley, managing editor of the Amsterdam News, and Wendell Smith, city editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, advisory members.

The Publishers asked the Major Leagues operators to apply the same process by which players are graduated from Class C, B, A, and AA teams to positions on Major League teams, without prejudice or discrimination to Negroes. They requested the magnates to use the same system by which players are selected from schools, sandlots, semi-pro and other clubs, in selecting and grading colored players. The recommendations were rounded out with a request by the Publishers that a joint statement be issued by the Major Leagues declaring that Negroes are eligible for trials and permanent places on their respective teams. Spokesmen for th group were Sengstacke, Lewis and Murphy.

Demands Tolerance

Sengstacke opened the campaign of the Negro Press on behalf of the Negroes, with a stirring speech demanding tolerance and a complete elimination of Jim Crow in baseball and other sports as a recognition by Americans of the Negro's place in a democracy engaged in a war to perpetuate the democratic ideal.

"We have a good starting point in Judge Landis' statement that, 'there is not now, nor has there ever been, any baseball rule — written or unwritten, prohibiting the use of Negro players in organized baseball,'" Sengstacke declared, adding, that "fundamental-

American citizen."

Ira Lewis insisted that the American baseball's re- out that baseball would not be disturbed in the past places a deep by Negroes playing in organized frustration the Negro baseball. He felt that the public is this morale, ready for the change, and spoke of that "organ- the changed attitude of the sporting unwritten, but ef- public and the general public toward practice of exclusion against wards the Negro athlete in track, ers because of their color football, basketball and boxing. He spread the 'master race' pointed to Joe Louis as an example among Americans on a mass of how the color line in boxing has

'Unwritten Law' Cited

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been erased, and said that interviews with big league managers and players had revealed they had nothing against using Negro players.

Negro Athlete Accepted

Mr. Lewis also pointed out, that, insofar as the economics of the situation were concerned, it is a matter of record that the public has definitely accepted the Negro athlete; and, that the record shows that the largest gate in Chicago, an outstanding baseball town, was the game of Aug. 1, between two Negro baseball teams. And, that the largest football crowd to attend a football game in America during the past season, was the 85,000 crowd at Soldier's Field, Chicago, last Saturday, between Negro and white high school teams.

Then too, Mr. Lewis continued, "there is the record to show that at Madison Square Garden during the past season the largest crowds and biggest gates were when Negro athletes were either one or two of the participants. This is a concrete evidence that the public has accepted the Negro athlete."

Howard Murphy read the recommendations of the Publishers which were turned over to Judge Landis.

SPORTS

Bystander

By ALLEN ASHBY

Des Moines, Iowa

WENDELL PHILLIPS HI LOSES 19-12

DEC 2 - 1943

Your transplanted scribbler sat in Soldier's Field last Saturday and watched Wendell Phillips High try to become the first all-Negro team in history to win the undisputed Chicago City Championship. The Cats fell short, going down before the Catholic School champs 19-12 in a game that kept eight thousand of us on the edges of our seats. For the last ten years the public school league winners and the Catholic school title holders have met in Soldiers' Field here to play for the city championship. This play off is known as the Kelly Bowl game because the thing was originated and sponsored by Mayor Kelly of Chicago.

Crowds of seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousands are not at all uncommon for this stirring end to the Windy City's prep-school football season.

The game simply proved that two good men, no matter how good they may be, cannot beat eleven working as a unit. The red-shirted white boys used the old Northwestern double wingback offense and the South Side boys never did locate the ball. St. George just drove down the field twice for scores and then some guy tossed a pass for about thirty yards for another one.

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Phillips had just one offensive threat, Buddy Young, who led the city preps in scoring. Young proved himself to be one of the best high school backs we ever saw. His kicking was excellent. He was able to kick for both spots and distance, twice booting the ball over sixty yards. He kicked out of bounds on several occasions in fact it was this booting that kept the game from being a route. He carried the ball an average of three times out of every five plays and did his share of defensive tackling besides interceptnig two passes.

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Young scored Phillips' first marker to tie a six to nothing score in the first quarter when he broke out around his right end and just outlegged everyone for a touchdown. Then in the last quarter with the score 19-6 against them the Phillips' boys threw some passes that got them down to the six yard line, and Young again did his stuff around the end. The kid played his heart out and nearly collapsed from sheer exhaustion, but in a final desperate attempt to save the game he went back in during the final seconds and ripped off two runs of better than twenty yards to carry the ball deep into St. George territory. When the coaches finally pulled out the kid with only ten seconds left, the entire crowd of eighty thousand stood up and gave him an ovation such as we never heard before.

The defense of the Phillips boys was a husky guard. Earl Banks, team captain. As one fellow next to us put it, "Banks was in on every sitting." But for his raw courage and refused to accept defeat, there is no telling how big the score might have become. Banks made a good seventy percent of his team's line tackles and when he missed them they roamed high, wide and handsome. Banks and Young were the ball game for the Negroes.

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The pre-game [illegible] of band was something to see with about ten high schools marching down the field one at a time. Phillips with its small band clad in blue and white along with Du Sable's all-Negro band of about forty pieces, dressed in military uniforms aided the 372nd Army band of Negroes and the Du Sable ROTC in putting on a show that gave us a thrill. Then the scattering of Negroes throughout the other bands made us think that we were really seeing democracy at work.

BEE SPORTS

Bee

Chicago, Ill

Thumb-Nail Sketches On 'Kegee's Crack Women's Track Team

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Aug. 26.—Thumb-nail sketches of members of the 1943 Tuskegee Institute Women's Championship track and field team who will participate in the Women's National A.A.U., track and field championships, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 1943.

ROWENA HARRISON — A veteran of five national women's A.A.U. track and field championships. At the age of 19 she will take part in the following events: 100-metre run, in which she placed second to her teammate, Alice Coachman, in the 1942 championships; the running broad jump, in which she also placed second last year, and she will probably anchor relay team A. Her weight is 110 pounds; height, 5 feet, 9½ inches. She was born in the city of Tuskegee, Ala.

ALICE COACHMAN: A veteran of three national championships, will defend her titles in the 100 metre run and the running broad jump. She will endeavor to establish a triple win in these events. She has also been entered in the 200 metre run and the 50 metre run, but it has not been decided in which of these events she will compete. She is 21 years of age; 5 feet, 8 inches in height and her weight is 131 pounds. She was born in Albany, Ga.

LEILA G. PERRY—A veteran of five national (outdoor) championships. She was the national 80 metre hurdle champion in 1941. This year at the Cleveland championships she will compete in the 80 metre hurdles, the running broad jump and run a leg on relay team A. Twenty-one years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches in height; weight, 131 pounds. She was born in Atlanta, Ga.

LILLIE PURIFOY — veteran of [illegible] national championships. She will defend her title in the 80 metre hurdles which she won last year at Ocean City, N. J. She will also lead-off for relay team A and take part in the running broad jump. Height, 5 feet, six inches. Weight, 125 pounds, age, 19. She was born at Snow Hill, Ala.

HATTIE TURNER — Entered her first national championships in 1942 and won second place in the Baseball throw. She will take part in this event and will also hurl the discus. She is 5 feet, six inches in height and weighs 135 pounds, age, 19. She was born at Glendale, Ohio.

GLORIA FISHER — A newcomer to national championship competition. She will probably take part in the 200 metre run and run one leg on relay team A. Height, 5 feet, 5 inches; weight, 116 pounds. Her age is 19. She was born in Laurel, Miss.

NELLIE STAFFORD — A newcomer to big-time competition. She will participate in the 100 metre run, running high jump and will run one leg on relay team B. She is 18 years of age, weighs 137½ pounds and is 5 feet, 8 inches in height. She was born in Columbus, Ga.

LESPER GIVENS — A newcomer to the national championships. She has been entered in the 200 metre run and the high jump. She will probably run one leg on relay team B. Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 142 pounds, age, 20. She was born in Grambling, La.

WILLIE TYNER — She is taking part in her first national championship. She has been entered in the 200 metre run and will probably run one leg on the B relay team. Age, 17; weight, 108 pounds; height, 5 feet, 3 inches.

ALLAREE HARRISON — She is taking part in her first national championship and has been entered in the 200 metre run, and will probably anchor relay team B. Age, 17; weight, 132 pounds; height, 5 feet, 5 inches. She was born in Tuskegee, Ala.

Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

Willis, Parks, Ohio State's Stars, Honored

CHICAGO, (ANP)—Bill Willis, regular tackle on the Ohio State football team, was named to the All Conference team, selected by coaches in the Big Ten for the Associated Press. A junior student and classified 4-F in the draft, Willis, whose home is in Columbus, O., stands six feet one inch and weighs 210 pounds.

Named on the All-conference second team at right halfback was the second Negro star of the Ohio State squad, Ernie Parks, a freshman.

Parks, state sprint champion, shared the halfback honor berths with Elroy Hirsch, Michigan sensation.

Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

CIO Wants Negro In Big Leagues

CLEVELAND, (ANP) — A resolution calling for Negro baseball players in major leagues as "a credit to our national sport . . . and an expression of the democracy we are fighting for," was passed at the third national convention of the United Furniture Workers of America, CIO, it was revealed recently in a letter to the National Negro congress. The resolution, one of several dealing with the question of discrimination passed by the convention at its recent meeting in Cleveland.

Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

Maryland Boy Loses Every Round of Tilt

Crowd Of 11,000 Fans Watch Upset In Hollywood Bowl

LOS ANGELES—Luther ("Slugger") White, Maryland's version of a world lightweight champion, succumbed last Wednesday night to Sammy Angott, New York Italian, in an outdoor 15 round NBA title bout staged at the Hollywood coast league baseball park.

The bout was billed as a world's lightweight championship affair sanctioned by the National Boxing Association.

In winning, the former champion, Angott is now recognized as such in every state except New York and Pennsylvania.

White losing every round was mastered at every department of the game. In the final stanza, the colored challenger was all but out on his feet. White forced the going throughout the contest. Despite a threatened [illegible] the bout drew 11,000 fans and grossed $35,000.

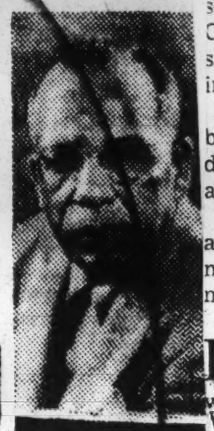
Promoter Joe Lynch paid Angott a flat $15,000 guarantee. White took 60 per cent of the net over $25,000 which brought him his first real money since fighting on the coast. Promoter Lynch is negotiating for a bout which would pit Angott against Henry Armstrong. Well!!!

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THROUGH The YEARS

PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

BY FAY YOUNG



Defender
Chicago, Ill.

Desert Warrior

When I stand guard beneath the skies at night
And all about me weary soldiers sleep
I think of home; of when I tended sheep
Where mesa cliffs reach upward, stark and white.
These desert stars do not seem half so bright
As those I knew; this silence not so deep
As where the gold and purple shadows keep
My world within their length, their breadth and height.

I see my mother by the hogan door,
Spinning and weaving rugs with firm brown hands;
Her brilliant colors carefully arranged.
I see these things just as they were before
I left to shoulder arms in foreign lands.
Let me return to find them all unchanged.

— Fern L. Bell, N. Y. Times

THE ELEVENTH annual East versus West game will be played Sunday, August 1, at Comiskey park, home of the Chicago White Sox and the home grounds of the American Giants. The East's All Stars now lead in number of games won, six to four.

Many thousands think that the East has always put a better team on the field, such as not true. The West, even in defeat, have had as good a team out there as the East but in all such games, it is the team which gets the breaks that wins out. Except for the 11 to 0 game in 1940, even the West fans have to admit that they have gotten their money's worth each time.

The scores to date are: 1933—West 11, East 7; 1941—East 1, West 0; 1935—West 11, East 8; 1936—East 10, West 2; 1937—East 7, West 2; 1938—West 5, East 4; 1939—West 4, East 2; 1940—East 11, West 0; 1941—East 8, West 3; 1942—East 5, West 2.

The East has made a total of 53 runs in the series. The West has made 38 runs in the classic.

The classic—the brain child of Gus Greenlee, then owner of the famous Pittsburgh Crawfords, now disbanded, and Robert "King" Cole, owner of the Chicago American Giants—has grown tremendously since 1933.

In that year Bill Foster, brother of the famous Rube Foster, got a 11 to 7 win over Streeter, Hunter and Britt while Mule Suttles' homer for the West in the fourth inning was the highlight of the game which 20,000 watched despite the drizzle of rain. Last year, 47,179 paid to see the game. In 1941 the crowd was better than 50,000.

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LEROY SATCHEL PAIGE, then pitching for the Crawfords, came through with a brilliant, I to 0, victory for the East in 1934 because the winning run was made in the eighth. Paige pitched the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth. The winning run came in the first of the eighth. J. "Cool Papa" Bell, who will be in the East lineup this year as a member of the Washington Homestead Grays, walked and stole second. Perkins pitched for Crutchfield and struck out. Oscar Charleston lined to Mule Suttles. Jud Wilson singled over second, between Willie Wells and Sammy Hughes, sending Bell home.

Paige may start the game for the West this year. He led the voting for pitchers again this year. Suttles Wells, Hughes and many of the stars of yesteryear will be absent Catcher Greene, Ted Strong and several of last year's stars are now in the armed services.

In 1935, the game was featured by Suttles' homer into the upper deck with two men on the paths and the West Won, 11 to 8.

The league presidents put through a rule that a pitcher could hurl no more than three innings as in the major league all star game.

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IN 1936, MATLOCK, Byrd and Satchel Paige turned in a 10 to 2 win for the East. Pitchers for the West were Willie Cornelius of Chicago, Kranson of Kansas City, the late Andy Cooper, Kansas City, and Trent, Chicago. Trent is now out of baseball because of poor health. The East won again in 1937 and in 1938, Neil Robinson's homer, with Alex Radcliffe and Ted Strong on the bases, ended a four-run third inning rally and the West won a 5 to 4 victory.

Robinson, Memphis centerfielder, and Radcliffe, Chicago third sacker, will be in the 1943 game.

Neil Robinson and Dan Wilson, St. Louis Stars, homered in the 1939 contest which the West won 4 to 2. Ted Radcliffe, Chicago manager and catcher, was on base when Wilson hit his circuit drive. At that time Radcliffe was managing the Memphis Red Sox. Radcliffe will start the 1943 game as catcher, for the West.

The worst blow dealt the West came in 1940 when the East triumphed 11 to 0. Pitchers for the ill-fated West team were Eugene Bremmer, Memphis; Calhoun, St. Louis; Johnson, Toledo Crawfords, and Hilton Smith, Kansas City. Smith will not be in the 1943 series. Neither will Johnson or Calhoun. K'se777777 hrd ahrd aohrd ard ro

McHenry, Philadelphia; Ruinz, Cuban Stars, and Ray Brown, Homestead Grays, hurled for the East. This East win tied the series, four games

The 1941 East 8 to 3 win was featured by Buck Leonard's homer into the upper deck in right field with one on and which ended a six-run fourth inning.

The 1942 game found the East out in front again. Pitching for the East, in this 5 to 2 win, were David Barnhill, New York Cuban stars; Barney Brown, Philadelphia Stars, and Leon Day, Newark Eagles. For the West were Hilton Smith, Kansas City; Porter Moss, Memphis; Eugene Bremmer, St. Louis Stars, and Satchel Paige, Kansas City Monarchs. Paige was credited with the loss. Dan was the winning hurler. One run was scored off Paige in the seventh and two in the ninth.

The following errors have been made in the ten classics: 1942, Patterson (2), Sampson and O'Neil).

1941—Coimbre, Campanella, Martinez, Seay, Wilson, Allen (2), Sampson, Larry Brown.

1940—Morney (4), J. Greene.

1939—Ted Strong.

1938—Newt Allen.

1937—Hilton Smith (2), Ted Radcliffe, Strong (2), Leonard.

1936—Brown, Hughes, C. Williams, Johnson, Dial, Washington.

1935—Seay (2), Dihigo (2), Stevens, C. Williams, Bell, Wells, Gibson, Charleston.

1934—Charleston, Suttles.

1933—Morney (3), Gibson, Dick Lundy, Vic Harris.

Peoples Voice
New York, N. Y.

Three Negro Girls Chosen All-American

Three members of the championship Tuskegee Girls' track team were elected for places on the all-American team, chosen National Women's Track and Field Committee, at their December 5 meeting in Columbus, Ohio. They were Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison and Jeanette Jones.

Misses Coachman and Harrison are members of the championship Tuskegee girls' track team. Miss Jones is from the Harrisburg Athletic Club. All three were selected for the 400 metre relay team. Fourth member selected was Stella Walsh, Cleveland Polish girl.

Miss Coachman was also chosen for the 50-metre dash and high jump positions on the mythical team.

The Tuskegee team entered their first national championship meet in 1936 at Providence, Rhode Island, and finished second. Since that time thy have won the outdoor title every year excepting 1943, when they again finished second.

In 1941 they not only won the outdoor team title but captured the indoor crown as well.

MEMPHIS AND BUCKS SPLIT

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

MEMPHIS. — The Memphis Red Sox and the Cleveland Buckeyes broke even in their twin bill Sunday at Russwood Park, the Red Sox winning the first 9 to 7 and Cleveland the second 3 to 0.

The Sox got to Jefferson in the seventh with the score tied for five runs on seven hits to put the first game on ice. In the second game Eugene Bremmer was complete master of the Sox hitters, letting them down with three hits.

Parnell Woods led Cleveland at bat, getting four for five in the first game and two in four in the second. Bubber Hyde got three in four in the first game.

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Memphis	000 000 0	0	3	0

Batteries: Bremmer and Turner; Moss, Barnes, Mathis and Smith.

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Jethoe,cf	5	0	2	3	Wilson,rf	5	1	1	2
Cleve'd,lf	5	2	2	0	McDan'l,3b	4	1	1	0
Woods,3b	5	3	4	2	Hyde,lf	4	1	3	3
Hund'y,rf	4	0	2	0	Robin'n,cf	2	2	1	3
Ware,1b	5	0	2	13	Banksh'd,2b	4	0	1	5
Horne,ss	3	0	0	2	Canady,1b	4	0	0	5
Britton,c	3	0	0	4	T. Bro'n,ss	4	2	2	3
xTurner,c	1	0	1	3	L. Brown,c	4	1	1	5
Riddle,2b	4	0	1	3	Mathis,p	3	1	1	1
Jeffer'n,p	3	0	0	1	Moss,p	1	0	1	0
Totals	38	7	13	24	Totals	35	9	12	27

xBatted for Britton in 8th.

Cleveland	000 202 012
Memphis	010 210 50x

Errors—Horne, L. Brown, Ware, Robinson. Riddle 2. Two-base hits—Cleveland, Hyde. Three-base hits—Robinson. Stolen bases—Riddle, Woods (2). Jethroe. Double plays—Horne to Riddle to Ware; T. Brown (unassisted). Innings pitched—by Mathis 7 with 5 runs 9 hits; by Moss 2 with 2 runs 4 hits. Base on balls—off Moss 1; off Jefferson 1. Struck out—by Mathis 1. Winning pitcher—Mathis. Losing pitcher—Jefferson.

Philadelphia Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

1st Big Ten Player Chicago Univ. Star

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Franklin Whittaker, University of Chicago center, is believed to be the first colored basketball star to play with Big 10 conference teams.

Hailing from Columbus, O. Whittaker, an 18-year-old freshman, was on the football, basketball and track teams in high school. The honor of making athletic history has been awarded Whittaker by the oldest observers of the game who are unable to recall a previous colored hardwood athlete playing with a Big Ten team.

Peoples Voice
New York, N. Y.

Whittaker, Chicago Ace, First Big Ten Basketeer

Another milestone in sportsany o has been it's in Pen, which has is a freshman and was a footproduced so many ranking Ne- ball, basketball and track star in gro athletes. This time it's a high school. He's playing the basketball court and the 18 years old.. Riddle: How did trail blazer is Franklin Whit- Ohio State miss him? taker, first string center on the University of Chicago court

Chicago was called in the fourth because of darkness with the visitors leading 4-1.

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Summary of a double-header at Dequindre Park here Sunday, 5-4, with LeRoy (Satchel) Paige hurling the last two innings of the contest. The second game

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Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Tribune
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Members of the Chicago Golden Gloves squad from which was selected the team which defeated New York, 14 to 2, in the annual inter-city bouts sponsored by the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., in Chicago last spring. In the picture are, from left to right: Fred Caserio, coach; Jack Graves, Minneapolis; George Adams, Chicago; Andreas, Fort Worth, Tex.; Bertrand White, Chicago; Tony Janiro, Cleveland, O.; Art Edmerson, Richmond, Ind.; Gene Roberts, Camp Grant, Ill.; Leroy Jackson, Cleveland; Joe Luciana, Memphis, Tenn.; Tim Dalton, Chicago, and Bob Howard, assistant coach. Second row: Issy Kline, coach; Charles Fredericks, Tribune sports department; Harry Sparrow, Chicago; Morris Corona, Fort Worth; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland; Bill Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.; Harry Joyce, Memphis; Tony Allicino, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Matt Hammond, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dick Fitz-patrick, assistant coach, and Felix Kolk, assistant coach. Back row: Buck Jones, Samson Powell, Cleveland; Walter Moore, Chicago; Tommy Irwin, Kansas City, Mo.; John Hubbard, Milwaukee, Wis.; Hy Bronstein, Kansas City; Wm. Johnson, Chicago; Jim Hunt, Chicago; Lee Schafts, Nashville; Reedy Evans, Chicago.

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Negro Pros Fail In Tam O'Shanter Open

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The thirteen Negro golfers who have had to shoot a 66 which would ened the $10,000 Tom O'Shanter be six under par to tie for 32nd en Golf tournament failed to place. ish in the money.

Friday 152 put the contestants he pro tournament which started out of the running. Only one col- dnesday morning with the 16- ored golfer—Searles—survived. At e qualifying ended Sunday aft- the end of Friday afternoon's play oon with Governor Dwight the Negro pros had the following en presenting the prizes. scores:

Clyde Martin, Detroit: 73 out, 81 in for 150; t the end of Sunday afternoon's for 154; Clifton Adams, Evanston: , O'Neal White, Greenwood, 79 out, 86 in for 155; Robert Pat .., and Harold McSpaden, Ball, Chicago, 77 out, 80 in for 157; ion, Pa., were tied for first Eddie Jackson, Detroit: 80 out, 78 e with a total of 282 for 72 holes in for 158; Sgt. Bob Seymour, Camp will play 18 holes to decide the Custer, Mich.: 80 out, 82 in for 162.

Clifford Wheeler, winner of the lyn Searles, the former caddy $200 most colorful golfer prize in de New Orleans Country club the 1942 tournament shot a 73 for a 78 Saturday afternoon to the first 18 holes on Thursday aft- his total to 288 and would ernoon but developed a lame shoulder and withdrew Friday. Wheeler represented the Pyramid club of Philadelphia. His score was 37-36.

Wheeler had been seeded and did not have to shoot in the 18-hole qualifying round.

In the first round on Thursday afternoon, Searles carded a 73 getting 35 on the first nine holes. The course par is 36-36.

Ball, the U.G.A. national champion for the duration, carded a 77. Adams had a 39-40 for 79. Sgt. Seymour carded a 39-41 for 80 and Eddie Jackson had an 80 taking a 43 on the first nine holes and one over par—a 37—for the last nine.

The scores of the Negro golfers on Wednesday follows:

Solomon Hughes, Gadsden, Ala., (88)

Out:	.....	665	545	545—45
In:	.....	635	555	545—43

Clifton Adams, Chicago (77)

Out	.....	553	645	435—40
In	.....	524	546	334—37

Clyde Martin, Detroit (77)

Out	.....	553	544	435—38
In	.....	435	455	355—39

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Marshall Beats Sheppard; Chalky Wright Loses

CLEVELAND.—Lloyd Marshall of California hammered out a bloody 10-round decision over Curtis Sheppard, local light-heavyweight, for the "championship for the duration" title here on Wednesday night, July 21, before 13,000 fans.

Marshall was a 2 to 1 choice. In another 10-under, Lou Costantino of New ... decisioned Chalky Wright of Los Angeles.

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News
Birmingham, Ala

Tuskegee Outfit Faces Test In Clark College Saturday Afternoon

Atlanta Eleven Counting On Tricky Formations In Local Vulcan Bowl Game

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—When the Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute meet the Panthers of Clark College in the Vulcan Bowl classic at Rickwood Field in Birmingham at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, they will face an aggressive eleven, well-balanced and fully determined. The Panthers will endeavor to topple the Tigers from their position at the head of the Southern Conference collegiate circuit for the current season and thereby gain for themselves the right to the coveted position.

Immediately after being informed that Clark had been selected to oppose the Tuskegee team in the Vulcan Bowl classic, Coach Ralph Robinson began to prepare the Panthers for the fracas. The coach of the Red and Black will lean heavily on David T. Harper, his great running back, and Capt. Zelma Barbee, who has exhibited much ability in snatching passes and getting away for good gains.

It is believed that Coach Robinson plans to use crashing guards and tackles and elastic ends as a major part of his defense against Tuskegee's "T" formation, which has been an integral part of the Tigers' offense since 1916. If the Atlantans succeed in stopping the sweeping end runs and the bullet passes which the Tigers use advantageously they will slow down the Golden Avalanche considerably.

Carter Bowman, captain, and center on the Tuskegee team, is bowing out of the intercollegiate picture with this game. Bowman's great defensive play has stood out in every gridiron performance in which he has participated this season, especially when the opposition starts to tossing passes.

In the Morris Brown-Tuskegee game Bowman intercepted a pass and ran 40 yards for a touchdown, and it was his interception of an Alabama State Teachers College pass at Cramton ... in Montgomery Thanksgiving Day, in the last

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Officials for the game ... Walter ... Harvey ... Referee; G. H. ... umpire; W. J. ... head linesman; ... (Chicago), field judge.

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... Mitchell, Harvey ... Barton, back; Albert Lennon, ... Crawford, back; Lindorf Blakely, Moore (Talladega) ... Jarboard, Frank A. Young ... Augustus ... Thomas ... Woods, guard; ... B. T. Harvey, chairman of the Vulcan Bowl committee, said tickets are on sale at Vulcan Bowl headquarters, Room 406 Colored Ma-

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Negro Tryouts on Coast Blocked---Protests Follow

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y. (to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—The Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro weekly, today revealed that three Negro baseball players, promised tryouts with the Los Angeles "Angels" of the Pacific Coast League, have suddenly been refused entry into the training camp of the club by an order from Clarence "Pants" Rowland, general manager of the team.

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Rowland's explanation for his action, the sudden influx of ball players from bush league farm teams of the Angels which have folded up because of the war, was riddled full of holes by fans and trade unionists alike who have raised a storm over the un-American action of the hitherto popular Rowland.

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According to Halley Harding, Negro sports columnist and former Kansas City Monarch shortstop, Rowland told him as late as last week that Negro players would be taken to the Angel training camp at Anaheim. It is obvious then that Rowland has either suddenly turned "phony" or more likely that pressure has been put on him by reactionary forces both in and out of baseball.

But whatever it is that caused the tryouts to be cancelled, a tremendous campaign is under way to get the three Negro players in question, Howard Easterling, Chet Brewer and Nate Moreland, into the Pacific Coast League.

Fans, trade unionists and people from all walks of life have responded to the militant appeal of the three players and already enough money has been raised to rent a sound truck which is bringing the case of the Negro players to the people of the city. Sports writers as well as players have already set in motion the machinery to take the case to the people and force the whole thing to a showdown.

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Daily newspapers are being contacted and radio programs are being used and Brewer, who is employed at the North American Aircraft Company, has already gathered protest petitions containing more than 1,000 names of white as well as Negro war workers.

CIO and AFL unions have rushed to the aid of the three players and are in the process of setting up a united commitee to battle the case until victory is won. The union campaign is being waged to "Americanize the Angels and the Hollywood Stars."

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Spontaneous donations from persons of all races has brought enough funds to insure the carrying through of the campaign. A resolution from the city council, the board of supervisors and Governor Warren condemning Jim Crow is likewise being sought.

Also planned as part of the campaign if the three Negro stars have not been given the trials they were promised is a monster picket line which will be thrown around Wrigley Field on opening day and periodically thereafter. The park is located in the heart of the Negro community, much the same as the White Sox park in Chicago.

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Bulletin

At a late hour last night word was had that Charlie Root, new manager of the Hollywood Stars and ex-Chicago Cub pitching ace, has told the commitee that he was willing to sign Negro stars if he was given the O.K. by the owner of the club. But when the owner was contacted and a meeting was set, the owner failed to show up to meet the delegation.

N. Y. Unions Should Join Fight

New York's mighty trade union movement should join with that of Los Angeles in the fight against the last moment cancellation of the tryouts to three Negro baseball stars. The despicable and un-American action of the Los Angeles Angels should rouse every trade union and baseball fan to protest. Let these protests come from every part of the country—this will let the owner of the team know that he must go through with his promised tryouts.

IF THE LOS ANGELES FIGHT IS WON THEN THE FIGHT TO GET NEGRO ACES INTO THE MAJOR LEAGUES WILL BE MADE MUCH EASIER.

So let 'em roll. Now is the time to spring into action.

Ray in New Fighting Togs

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.



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Ray (Sugar) Robinson, in army life, Private Walker Smith, paid his first visit to Promoter Mike Jacobs's office last week on his initial furlough from Fort Dix where he was inducted on March 2. Ray compiled the ring's most brilliant record of 131 wins in 132 fights, 43 as a professional, before donning Uncle Sam's khaki.

History Of Basketball—Major In Forum Talk Cited By Coach McLendon In

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

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DURHAM, N. C. — Johnnie B. [illegible] and then to five men, explained the Eagle coach [illegible] dled from nine men to seven men: eastern style, western style, moving pivot, and stationary pivot.

"The progress of the game spread over the U. S. and the world. It is now played in 58 countries. Center jump elimination in the later years equalized teams and speeded up the game. It brought about new offenses and defenses. Over 90 million fans a year enjoy basketball. Ninety-six per cent of all high schools in the U. S. have basketball as their main sport. More people like basketball than any other sport. It is a major All-American game," according to Coach McLendon.

There are several systems of basketball, he pointed out, namely: Examples of the principal styles now being used, said Coach McLendon, are: Va. Union which uses eastern style, with circle offense, moving pivot, and zone defense: Va. Union which uses western style, stationary pivot, and man to man defense. C. College, which Bishop, Texas College, Florida A. and M., South Carolina State, Southern U., Xavier, Kentucky State, Tuskegee Institute, Clark University, Union University, A. and T. College and North Carolina College.

BASBETBALL RECORDS

Basketball records cited by Coach McLendon, follow: Free throw record, 471 points (1941).

Highest game, 124 points (1943).

LEADING SCHOOLS

Some of the leading high schools in basketball are: Roosevelt High School, Gary, Indiana; Sumner, Kansas City, Kansas; Lincoln, Atchison, Kansas; Attucks, Indianapolis, Indiana; Sandsprings, Oklahoma; Wewoka, Oklahoma; etc.

Leading colleges in basketball: Bishop, Texas College, Florida A. and M., South Carolina State, Southern U., Xavier, Kentucky State, Tuskegee Institute, Clark University, Union University, A. and T. College and North Carolina College.

Most one sided game, 54-0 (Iowa high schools, 1943).

Lowest score, 0-0 (colored girls team), played regular game and three overtimes, (1943).

Highest point average, 77 points a game, Rhode Island State (1942).

Tallest white team, 6 feet 6 inches, average, West Texas Teachers (1941 and 1942).

Tallest colored team, 6 feet 4½ inches, average, N. C. College (1940-1941).

Tallest high school team, 6 feet 3 inches, average, DuSable High School, Chicago, Ill., (1942).

Four year record, 1,971 points, "Brooms" Abromivich, Salem University, Salem, W. Va. (1943).

Season's record, 509 points, Stutz Modelciwiz, Rhode Island State, (1941).

Negro season's record, 498 (28) games, Holden, S. C. State (1942).

Negro and white record for 20 games or less, 414 points (19 games) Rocky Roberson, North Carolina College (1943).

CIAA consecutive victory record, 26 games, N. C. College.

CIAA highest game score, 94 points, North Carolina College.

CIAA highest game average, 59 points a game, North Carolina College, 1943.

Best defensive record in 1940, 1941, 1942, North Carolina College.

CIAA scoring record (individual conference) Roberson, North Carolina State, 58 points (1943).

National scoring record (individual one game record), Roberson, North Carolina College, 58 points (1943).

Highest average in CIAA history, Roberson, N. C. College, 22 points per game, (1943).

Highest national scoring average, Roberson, N. C. College, 22 points per game, (1943).

At this forum hour, devotions were led by Mrs. Helen Jones. Musical selections were rendered by the Goldentone Quartet composed of Roland Alston, Jasper Daye, Raymond McAllister and William Daye.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

STIMSON KILLS HOPES OF LOUIS, CONN TITLE BOUT

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Washington, D. C., April 29 (AP).—Secretary of War Stimson said today there will be no heavyweight championship fight this summer between Sergt. Joe Louis and Corp. Billy Conn. Asked at his press conference about reports the war department was making arrangements for such a fight with purchase of war bonds as the price of admission, the secretary replied:

"I think I can assure you that the war department will not sponsor or approve a Louis-Conn fight this summer."

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IWO to Leo Durocher:

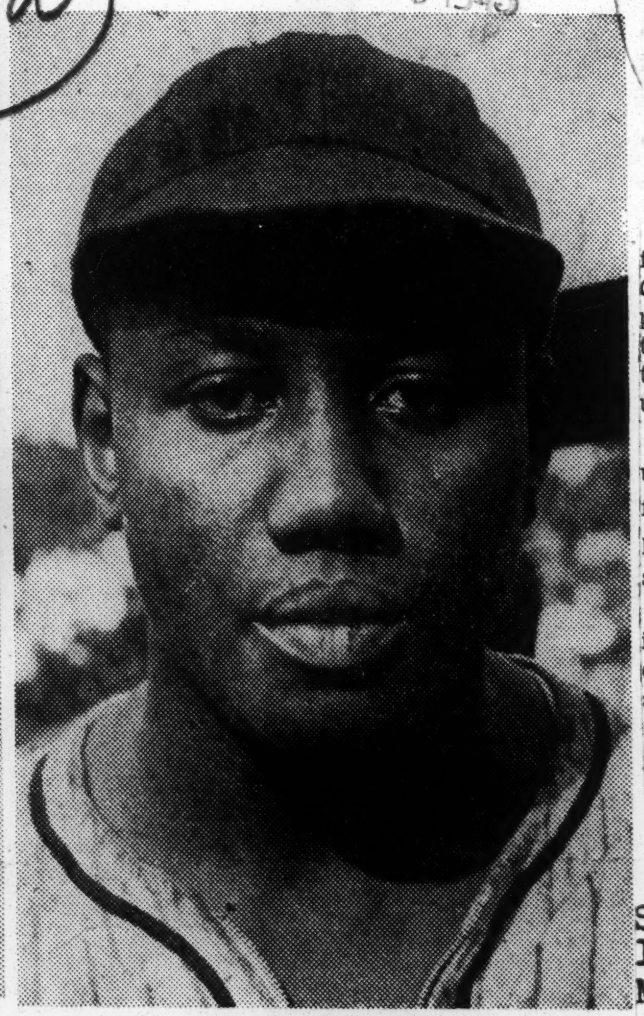
You Can Help Win the War By Signing Negro Stars

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DAVE BARNHILL



JOSH GIBSON

When Leo Durocher was rejected by the Army this week because of a perforated eardrum one of the first things he said was that he desired "to find something else to do in the war effort."

Immediately following this statement, the International Workers Order, a tremendous labor-fraternal organization of over 155,000 throughout the country, sent the Dodger manager a letter offering a concrete way in which he could strike a powerful blow for winning the war.

The IWO told Leo he could help the war effort by signing Negro stars to the Dodgers for the coming season.

Signed by Sol Vail, National Athletic Commission of the IWO, the letter said:

"We join you in your disappointment at being rejected by the United States Army because of your perforated eardrum. After your examination you stated that you will try to find something else to do in the war effort.

"We would like to suggest that as the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers you have the possibility of making a marked contribution to the war effort. As you know, our Commander-in-Chief has often stated that one of the greatest needs for victory in our country is national unity.

"If you, as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, would break the unwritten law against hiring Negro ball players in the Major Leagues, you would, single-handedly, be making one of the greatest contributions to the national unity of this country.

"It takes patriotism and guts to fight the fascist enemy on the battlefield. It also takes patriotism and guts to fight deeply embedded un-American race superiority prejudice here at home. In the name of our 155,000 members and the American people generally, who would like to see baseball as represented by the Major Leagues serve the recreational needs of our country during war time, I want to urge you to give try-outs to Negro ball players now."



LEO DUROCHER

The IWO has long been in the forefront of the fight to end Jim Crow in the major leagues, and its present letter is a fine example of the kind of action which will eventually end the un-democratic set-up in the big leagues.

Other organizations and trade unions, as well as individuals, should follow suit. If this were done, rapid progress would be insured in very short time.

The Dodgers, who are desperately in need of ball players, should receive dozens and dozens of letters and telegrams.

Here is where the letters should go:

MR. BRANCH RICKEY, President
Brooklyn Dodgers,
215 Montague St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

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1st MAJOR
MILE WIN

Afro-American
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Baltimore, Md.

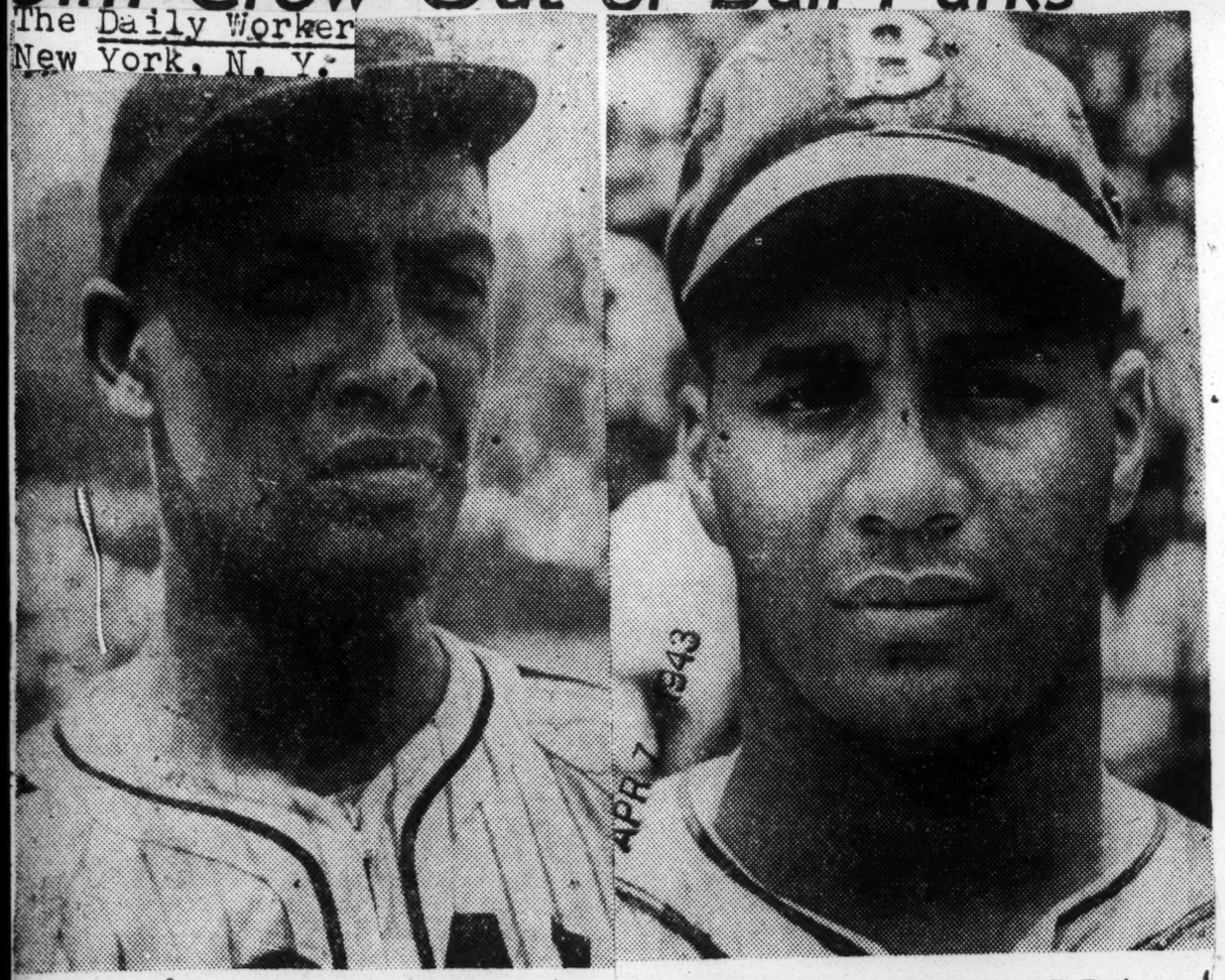
BOSTON--(ANP)--Frank Dixon, New York University freshman star, turned in his first major mile victory in bigtime competition before 13,322 spectators at the fifty-fourth annual Boston A.A. track meet Saturday night by upsetting Gilbert Dodds and Earl Mitchell, white favorites, in the Hunter mile in 4:11.4. Dixon broke the tape a foot in front of Mitchell who was second.

Pvt. Barney Ewell, Camp Lee, Va., in second place. Dugger now is a war Jersey City, Conwell of New sity, new sepia worker in Dayton, Ohio. time was 5.4 Melvin Walker, one of Ohio State's famous high Thompson of jump twins of several years and Edward ago, York University tied for third in the flash. The high jump won by William seconds. Vessie of Columbia at 6 ges in 5.7 seconds Ed Dugger, former John Saunders of feet 6. Tufts star and national champ, took the games, had to be content high hurdles with third place in the with Pvt. John 50-yard dash behind Herbert dash winner the previous Saturday in the Millrose

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YCL Begins Drive to Blast Jim Crow Out of Ball Parks

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RAY BROWN

Ray chalked up 27 consecutive wins in 1940 . . . a feat that proves he's big league material.

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ROY CAMPINELLA

In addition to being a most capable receiver, Roy bats consistently above the .300 mark.

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By Bill Mardo

Jim Crow is still at the plate. . . . a smirk on his face as he swings his bat menacingly . . . but the New York State YCL is winding up and getting set to blast him out of the park with their high, hard one. . . .

From Buffalo to Brooklyn, this fighting fest of all youth organizations is prepared to embark this week on a militant, sustained campaign which will have the major league magnates stuttering for an answer before the season gets much further under way. Indeed, the only answer that the YCL will accept from the clubowners will be: "OKAY . . .OKAY . . .WE'LL SIGN UP THOSE NEGRO PLAYERS!"

All too lax have been the trade unions and other progressive groups which are needed in the fight to wipe the dirt of discrimination from the baseball scene. And they can take a leaf from the program the YCL has whipped into shape . . . a program that must and WILL get Josh Gibson, Willie Wells, Buck Leonard and the host of other fine Negro ball-hawks into the lineups.

Neighborhood canvassing for signatures . . . (The Brooklyn YCL set a quota for one quarter-of-a-million signatures) . . . pasting stickers in spots where it will draw the most attention . . . mass delegations to the offices of the clubowners . . . large rallies involving the entire neighborhood . . . publicity releases in the daily press. All aimed at the objective of blazing over a third strike against this nauseating blot on baseball . . . a blot that negates all the other fine qualities of the game that we have laughingly referred to as "America's National Pastime!"

Baseball will NEVER be the real American game until it boasts the participation of the scores of Negro stars who have consistently proven their ability to play the brand of baseball that brings fans to their feet in wild applause. . . .

And the YCL is a fighting body of baseball fans. . . . They're young, spirited and full of drive. . . . They like GOOD baseball. . . .

That's why Jim Crow better put on his running shoes right now. . . . He's on the way OUT!

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

The LOW DOWN -

Talking to Henry Armstrong; An Afternoon at Stillman's Gym

NAT LOW

Stillman's Gym had more people in it than we have ever seen there before. We had to elbow our way through the crowds to get to the dressing rooms behind the rings.

Behind the doors of one of the rooms we heard the voices of a few men—including that of Henry Armstrong.

We knocked on the door and answered the who's there with: "Nat Low, of the Daily Worker.

We heard Armstrong say, **"Oh, the Daily Worker, let him in. . . ."**

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We strolled in and there was Armstrong sitting on a little stool, having his hands taped by his trainer. His face broke into a large, warm smile as he saw us and he extended his left hand (his right was in use) and shook ours with a firm grasp. . . .

The first thing he said was: "How's your paper coming along? —How's things?"

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We sat down near the great ex-triple titleholder and watched him carefully as his trainer laboriously wound the tape around Armstrong's surprisingly small fists. This was almost the same Henry who was here three years ago as the greatest little fighter in the entire world. Slightly heavier and more relaxed than before, but basically the same Indian-faced man with the sharp nose, high cheekbones and jutting chin.

We spoke of this and that, about his health and his family, about his comeback—and then about his eyes.

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Here Henry spoke quietly but firmly. "I want to tell you about my eyes so that there won't be concern on the part of your readers for my well being. . . . True my eyes were cut badly by Zivic in those two fights here, but they were surface cuts above the eyes which were over-exaggerated by the papers. Why people thought I'd be walking around with a cane . . . they were starting to pity me. . . .

"But actually there was no real danger and when I had the cuts operated on they were as good as ever. . . . All I needed then was a rest and that I got. For sixteen months all I did was eat, sleep and rest in Los Angeles. . . . That fixed me up and when I felt all better I started to train and think seriously of my comeback.

"I've had eighteen fights in my comeback and haven't had my eyes cut once. . . . Is that proof of their strength? . . . Do you think I wouldn't know when to quit if my eyesight and health were in danger?"

It sounded true and sincere to us and we couldn't help but agree with it and told him so, but at the same time told him we would be pulling for him not to get hurt. . . .

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At this point a soldier came in and beamed all over Henry. "Gee, I'm glad to see you back, Henry. I'll be in your corner Friday night rooting for you. . . . You're the best—you're tops. . . . THIS is the big fight, Henry."

To which Armstrong replied in a flash: **"You're wrong, soldier—YOURS is the big fight. . . . We've gotta win that one before any other . . . "**

Then turning to me, Henry said, **"This war, like all wars, is destructive. But at the same time it is creative because it is helping to make a new world. It is helping to end discrimination—it is helping to make all people equal. . . ."**

Minutes later Armstrong trotted out to the ring and was received with a tremendous hand by the crowd which was packed into every inch of the place. . . . We have never seen any fighter previously get applause at Stillman's Gym—but Henry is obviously still beloved by fans the world over as this made it clear.

He went two fast rounds with a slender and fast Negro sparring partner. Henry went in fast, laid his head on his mate's left shoulder and proceeded to batter away as of old. At no time during the two full rounds were the fighters ever more than eight inches apart. It was as if you were watching him fight three years ago—the incessant punching, the bobbing and weaving, the throwing of sharp left hooks coming out of a clinch, already well on the way, the Negro people should build a monument to the Daily Worker and you people for your untiring efforts."

His four trainers and handlers, all Negroes, nodded their assent to this.

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We were discussing the war and in the middle Henry spoke and said: **"Russia has been the backbone of the war. . . . We would have been lost without them. . . ."**

And a few minutes later, in speaking of the fight for Negro rights and equality, the great little battler paid this homage: **"When the fight for Negro equality and rights has been fully won, and we are**

It was fast and furious and you dug deep down into you and thought: Can it be possible that this man, at thirty, and after 13 years in the ring, could be good enough to whip a fighter like Beau Jack?

We couldn't answer the question and walked out of the gym in a daze, thinking and thinking, but not very clearly.

The LOW DOWN—

Negro Sports Editor Calls for Action on Jim Crow

NAT LOW

From far and wide have come calls for an end to Jim Crow in baseball. . . . They have come from white as well as Negro fans, stars and baseball writers. . . . Herewith we reprint a column written by Joe Bostic, sports editor of the progressive Negro weekly, The People's Voice. . . .

Bostic, in an open letter to his readers, asks them to go into immediate action. . . . At the bottom of his column was printed a coupon for readers to "vote" on the subject.

Here is Bostic's column:

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Dear Fan:

As you know, we're on the threshold of another baseball season—a season in which you, as usual, will be asked to foot the bill for the payment of the players' salaries and the generous profits of the executives and stockholders. I was just thinking that the people who pay the bills usually have something to say about the things which they pay for and was wondering did the owners have an okay from you, on their policy of excluding Negro Americans from participation in this public business, purely on the basis of ancestry. It isn't even on the basis of color of the skin as some folks might think, since there have been some very dark skinned boys plying their trade as hit and field artists in the major leagues.

The reason I'm addressing this open letter to you is that we are about to enter into the second season of really intensive protest and pointing up of the effort on the part of fair-minded citizens to have the damnable policy of undemocratic exclusion wiped out and I feel that it's time for you to take an active hand by letting your importance be felt and your voice be heard.

You see up 'till now the articulate leadership in this campa has been on the part of the newspapers, which is as it should be. The responsibility of leadership is most certainly their function if their existence is justified.

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But what about you?

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One of the walls, behind which the reactionary and prejudiced ownership of the major league teams had hidden, has been that the fans didn't actually approve of the campaign and that they were satisfied with the way things are being run presently. They have contended that all of the activity for fair play is strictly something cooked up by the progressive newspapers and Johnny Fan did not have a great amount of interest.

I, for one, think that this is a damn lie.

I think that the American sports follower is the fairest guy in the world. Hell, he's proven it by the way he's taken Jesse Owens, Joe Louis, Jim Thorpe and a half-dozen other guys of different racial strains to his heart, regardless of their racial antecedents. All he's asked was that the guy be able to deliver. That has been the barometer of his appraisal, whether he had a bat in his hand, a tennis racket or a fist encased in leather mittens.

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Well, the time has come for you to speak your piece so that the owners and stockholders will know that you are sick and tired of the whole stinking setup whereby you can see Negroes perform in football, basketball, track and what have you, but can't see them perform in the upper brackets of the game which is SUPPOSED to be YOURS.

The time has come for you to pin the ears of the wishy washy magnates back—but good.

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They'll have to listen to what you have to say and pay attention to what you do because YOU are the guy who pays the freight.

Suppose, for instance, that you decided to institute a really effective boycott against the teams that refused to use Negro players? Don't you think that would get action? You're darn tootin' it would!

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We think that the time is ripe and here is an opportunity for a show of hands on the part of you fans. Are you actively concerned in this effort?

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The LOW DOWN—

Some Late Words on the Beau Jack-Henry Armstrong Fight Friday Nite

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We were so steamed over the attack of Joe Williams on the Beau Jack-Henry Armstrong fight that in our blast of the bogus colonel of the World-Telegram in the Sunday Worker we could not deal with the fight itself. So, if our readers will bear with us, we'd like to tell you the kind of a fight Williams called "the worst of the season."

Firstly, we want to make clear that despite the tremendous barrage of boos and catcalls which cascaded down upon the ring when Beau Jack was announced the winner, the present lightweight champion did win the fight. The reason for the boos is obvious. The crowd was all with Armstrong, their old idol, from the very start. They were mad with joy when the gallant little ex-triple champ put on his wonderful rally in the last two rounds and in their pleasure over Henry's spurt completely forgot that he had already lost the fight by that time. In fact up to the ninth round Henry had taken but ONE round and could have won only by a knockout.

So, no dispute about it at all—Beau did win the fight—not by too great a margin, but decisively enough to gain the unanimous award of the three judges and most of the unbiased writers at ringside.

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The fight was a fascinating one. But it was also a disappointing one for those who had come with the expectations of seeing the Armstrong of old. Unfortunately, it wasn't the Henry of old—and couldn't be.

Nature is full of change and it is obvious that time has taken its toll of the great Armstrong. I would say that Henry is not one-fourth of the fighter he was in his prime. But I'd say this too, that as he is, what with all his age and all the poundings he has taken in his long career, he is good enough today to lick any lightweight in the world outside of the aforementioned Beau Jack.

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He proved it in the fight. Against a man who is rapidly developing into a truly great fighter, Henry was able to make the going pretty close all the way. The main reason for his defeat was the lack of speed—just a little but which meant the difference between landing a blow and missing by a hair-breadth.

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Henry's best weapon, as it always has been, is his ever-crowding action in which he wears his opponent down and then whips across sharp right crosses from in close. ... This together with his iron jaw makes for a formidable foe as Beau found out.

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But good as Henry was, Beau was better—much better. This good-looking and magnificently built Negro youngster is improving with each fight and his adaptibility is something to whistle about. His speed is amazing and his ability to move in and out and to the right and left makes him a target which cannot be hit flush on the button.

Dixon Proves Negroes Can Run Long Races

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia
FEB 27 1943

By KEN JESSAMY

NEW YORK — (Calvin's News Service) — Frank Dixon, NYU's great distance star, made a propaganda . . . the late John Borican come to Boston Saturday night at Boston Garden to prove that Negroes could run long distance races as they were in the win a race when he breasted the tape. The great quarter miler maintained that Negro runners were only good in the shorter dashes. He had served ago shocked the sports world by his victory over Borican as he thundered along the boards in Boston. Maybe he was merely thinking of the race and keeping ahead of his opponents, but he did more than ways maintained that Negroes could be as proficient in the distance races as he breasted the tape. Dixon had made history, always maintaining that Negro runners were only good in the shorter dashes. He had served to immortalize another great runner, a man who was sure that Negroes could run and win distance races, John Borican.

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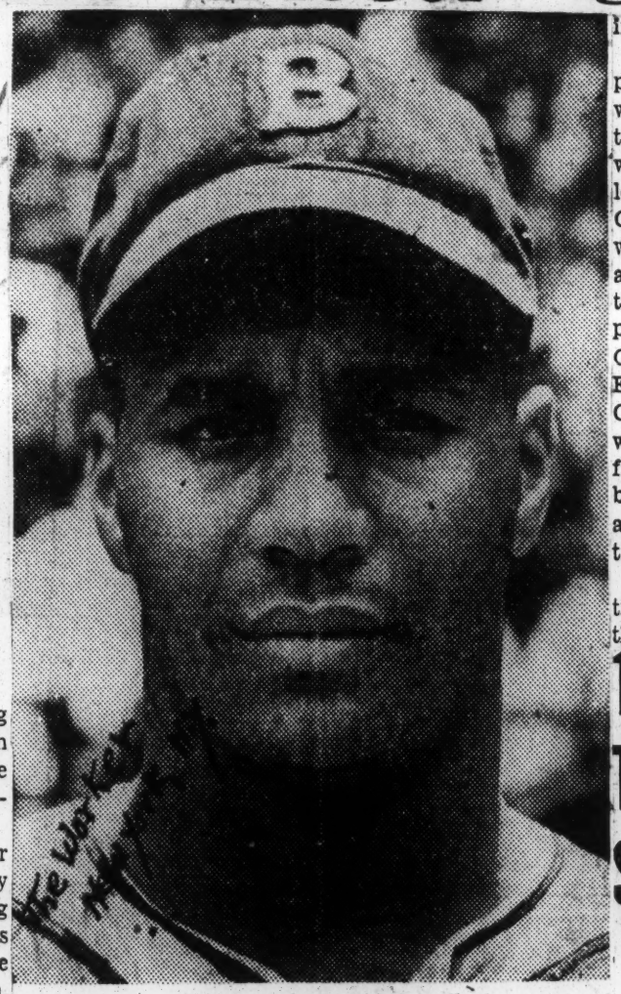
(The following article on Negroes in major league baseball, is reprinted from the current issue of YANK Magazine, the official newspaper of the men in the Armed Forces . . . While THE WORKER sports page does not agree with all the points made by Sgt. Bernstein (the one about Josh Gibson's hitting weaknesses, for instance), we do applaud the raising of the issue in the Army's paper—an act which shows how broad is the demand for an end to Jim Crow in the Great American Game.—Ed. Note.)

By. Sgt. Walter Bernstein

The decision of most of the big league baseball teams to train in the North has re-awakened the controversy about admission of colored players to the leagues.

The subject had been more or less quiet, except for comment by the Negro press until last spring when Judge Kenesaw M. Landis declared in an interview that there was no law, written or unwritten, that forbade the employment of colored players by any teams in any league. The subject picked up a great deal of speed after we entered the war, when proponents of the idea pointed out that the kind of discrimination practiced by our so-called national pastime was not particularly consistent with the ideals for which we were fighting.

There has never been any argument against colored ball players in the big leagues on the ground that they weren't good enough. Satchel Paige, for instance, has been called "the best pitcher in the world" by a number of authorities, among them Dizzy Dean and Joe DiMaggio. Walter Johnson called Josh Gibson the best catcher he ever saw and one of the best hitters, which is praise enough for anyone. And the few exhibition games played by major league clubs against teams from the Negro leagues have shown little superiority for the majors.



ROY CAMPANELLA

The present controversy, to which labor unions, educators and other athletes have lent their voice, seems to have stirred up some sort of action. The Pittsburgh Pirates have offered tryouts to colored players. Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs has gone on record that he will employ colored players if it is demonstrated that the public wants to see them.

So far as major league players are concerned, most of them say they have no objection to playing with colored players. Some have been on teams with Negroes in school and some have played on mixed teams in post-season games, and all who have seen the good colored teams in action have nothing but admiration for them.

The same applies to the colored players. Someone like Satchel Paige, who is past his prime and content to make a fortune from exhibitions, would have no interest in the big leagues. This might also go for Josh Gibson, whose hitting weaknesses would soon be discovered. But there are players like Buck Leonard of the Homestead Grays, Roy Campanela of the Baltimore Elite Guards, Willie Wells of the Newark Eagles, Hilton Smith of the Kansas City Monarchs, and many others, who have demonstrated against top-flight pitching, fielding and hitting, both in their own leagues and against major league teams, that they have the stuff.

According to the way the controversy seems to be panning out, they may soon get their chance.

1st Loss Best Thing for Ray, Say Fight Men

By Bill Mardo

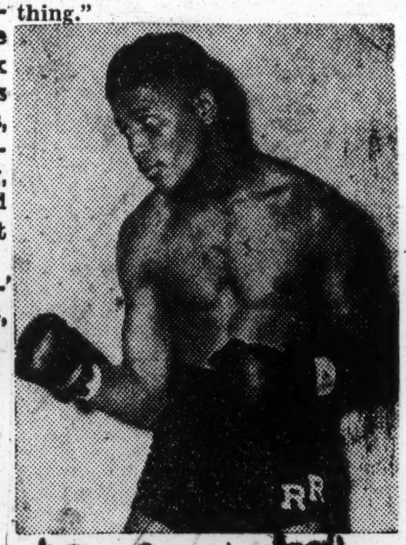
Fritzie Zivic's dressing room was crowded to the walls Friday night after his fight with Beau Jack. Reporters were flinging questions at the Pittsburgh battler who held court on his dressing table, pressing an ice bag against his left eye and talking in that fast, tongue - tied language which is so typical of him.

Suddenly, a writer from a Negro paper burst in with a loud whoop: **"Say, did you hear? Jake LaMotta beat Ray out in Detroit tonight."**

For a moment the crowd had forgotten Zivic. He was excitedly discussing the sensational upset of the man who has been called the greatest small fighter since Henry Armstrong—Ray Robinson.

Until that night Ray had gone through 125 fights as an amateur and pro without a loss. He had beaten LaMotta once before in the Garden and figured to beat the powerful middleweight again.

After some of the excitement had calmed down, Luke Carney, Zivic's ringwise manager, spoke up, **"That licking is the best thing that could have happened to Robinson. Now the tension is off. He doesn't have to worry any more about streaks and stuff. . . . A good thing, a good thing."**



"Sure," chimed in Zivic, "Ray'll be a much better fighter from now on. . . . He was starting to get too cocky and confident and wasn't training too much. . . . Now he'll go on and bust up everybody around."

It is no secret that Ray trained only a few days for the LaMotta fight, figuring it would be a cake walk.

Fight writers, fighters and managers all agreed that the licking would not only take the strain of an undefeated record off Ray but that it would bring him down earth.

"A good thing, a good thing," they kept repeating. Then one of them said with awe, "Imagine what a terror that kid's gonna be from now on? . . . Oh, baby!"

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Dawson, Negro Congressman, Rises to Defense of Pickens

William Pickens, Negro Treasury employe who has been attacked by Representative Dies for alleged Communist connections, received a unwittingly join organizations which they believe pledged to their betterment but promptly leave them when they discover their error.

Representative Knutson (Republican) of Minnesota chided the House for its action on Pickens, "singling out this one poor colored man."

Representative Hendricks (Democrat) of Florida, stating that "any man from the South doesn't call a colored man 'Mr.,'" told the House with Mr. Errol Flynn?"

Hendricks shouted, "I want to talk to you gentlemen about courts." Even if the individuals under discussion were "given their day in court," he said, that would not remove from them the stigma of being anti-American.

"We had a trial out on the Coast last week," he said. "Errol Flynn, the movie actor, had his day in court—and was acquitted.

"But would any of you good gentlemen in this House want your daughters to take a trip on his yacht

defense yesterday from the only Negro member of Congress, Representative Dawson (Democrat) of Illinois.

Communist affiliations and denied that his fight for the removal of Pickens was based on racial prejudice.

Pickens, Dies explained, was of a large group of employes whose removal from office he will seek in various appropriations bills.

Dawson said he had known Pickens for more than 40 years, and added:

"William Pickens is not a Communist; he has not been a Commoter of war bond sales among Negroes. The House acted last week after Dies (Democrat) of Texas had listed him with others he said had radical connections. Today Dies read into the proceedings what he called the record of the last war. He said many Negroes gi

Washington Post
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Fritzie Zivic Takes a Jolt in the Jaw From Jack



Associated Press WIREPHOTO

Beau Jack, former Savannah, Ga., shoe-shine boy, recognized as world lightweight champion in New York State, lands a left to Fritzie Zivic's jaw during an early round in their 10-round battle in Madison Square Garden Friday night. Beau was given the decision, after Zivic was penalized for a low blow in the late rounds

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NYU Sprint Ace Doesn't Hurry Until Gun Pops

By LAWRENCE ROBINSON.

Edward Conwell, the freshman sprint sensation of the NYU track team, is always sleepy. Give him 10 minutes to spare and the Palmyra (N. J.) kid drops off into blissful slumber. He will do it between heats of the invitation dash tomorrow night at the Millrose Games, his first major race.

Joe Louis possesses the same happy faculty. Jesse Owens, greatest of all sprinters with whom Conwell is most frequently compared, was the same way. Gene Tunney used to nap before a big bout, just like Louis. Don Hutson, too, can relax completely. When time is called the great Packer end drops to the ground like a poled steer before the ref finishes blowing his whistle, the perfect picture of relaxation.

Coach Emil Von Elling of NYU thinks these great athletes are that way because of this method of storing up energy. He feels sure that Conwell's ability to relax will be one of the factors in making him a great figure in the sprints.

Fellow coaches can't understand what has happened to Von. The little veteran is predicting great things for several of his charges, notably Conwell and Freshman Franx Dixon. Von never has been so optimistic.

Conwell Starred in Football and Basketball.

Conwell became a runner because of childhood admiration for Eulace Peacock, then national sprint champion at Temple U. in Philadelphia, not so far from Palmyra. Eddie tried other sports, was a topnotch star in football and basketball at Palmyra High. But when it came college time he decided to forswear everything for track, since he had ruled king for two years in Jersey school dashes.

"Eddie is slow in everything he does, except when the gun goes off," says Von Elling. "Actually he is high strung, but has wonderful control of his emotions. There were five false starts in the Met championship final, and he broke only once—the fifth time.

"That's real control for a youngster who is a novice at indoor running. He is gifted with a fast start, though, and that is always a help indoors where the race is over almost as soon as it starts.

"Eddie, in build, is between Tolan and Peacock, powerful, broad-shouldered, with not too heavy legs. He doesn't look it, but he weighs 156 pounds. I knew from the first day I saw him work that he had plenty of speed and that he had had a lot of good training.

"If he keeps coming I think he may become one of the outstanding sprinters of all time, and I think he will be even better in the longer yardages (100 and 220) outdoors."

Pvt. Barney Ewell May Extend Conwell.

Von never had heard of Conwell until he showed up at NYU. And then he learned of him from his brother, an Elizabeth (N. J.) mortician with whom Eddie lives.

Track fans are hoping Pvt. Barney Ewell is in his best shape tomorrow night. If so, the former Penn State dash king will give young Conwell his greatest test. Barney has been ruler of the dashes during the last two years.

Because of the size of the invitation dash entry (34) only winners will qualify out of the eight heats for the semifinals. Conwell is seeded in the seventh heat and Ewell in the eighth, so it is likely they will clash twice in the evening—in the semis and finals.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois
MAR 6 - 1943

Jack Johnson Is Planning Return to Boxing at 64

Los Angeles, Cal., March 5 (AP).—Jack Johnson, 64 year old former world heavyweight boxing champion, is returning to the ring—if he can pass a physical examination. The big Negro who lifted the title from Jim Jeffries in 1910 plans a series of exhibition matches, and said he is confident of his physical fitness. The California athletic commission specified his bouts can be no more than three rounds, of two minutes each, against approved opponents.

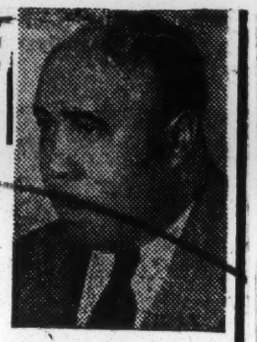
Armstrong Tells Youth 'Must Aid War Effort'

The Daily Worker New York, N. Y.
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PHILADELPHIA, March 26. — Henry Armstrong, once the holder of three fistic titles, featherweight, lightweight and welterweight, thrilled the pupils of the Reynolds and Harrison schools when he spoke on "What a Future America Is Depended On," this week. "The war has opened the door of opportunity to Negro youths and we all have our part to do," said

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SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT



By Joel W. Smith

WRITER PRESENTS 1942 "SNS" ALL-SOUTHERN

At last the writer is presenting to readers of the Atlanta Daily World, and affiliated newspapers, comprising the Scott Newspaper Syndicate the official 1942 "SNS" All-Southern selection. The team was selected three weeks ago by a board made up of coaches, officials, and sports writers, but much time was required to secure adequate pictures of these stellar performers. The fact is, some of the pictures used were re-photographed by Cliff Mackay, Managing Editor of the Atlanta Daily World, so that they could be used in this release. "Atlanta Daily World" Jan. 17, 1943

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TACKLES: Haywood "Mule" Settles, 210-pound Morris Brown senior from Knoxville, Tennessee. Height: 6 feet, 3 inches. Settles, a graduate of Austin High School was the sensational tackle of the year. He was alternate captain and called signals for defensive play. Settles set up the Morris Brown touchdown against Florida, when he broke thru and blocked Williams' kick on the Rattlers' 18-yard marker. Howard Gentry, Florida. Weight 200 pounds. Gentry playing his last year for the Rattlers turned a brilliant performance in every game played and the Florida opponents had a hard time running plays over him.

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JAN 9 - 1943

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Fouls Cost Bob Round JAN 9 1943

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Frank Dixon Rated with MacMitchell



By LAWRENCE ROBINSON.

JAN 14 1943

One day 14-year-old Frank Dixon beat his father in their daily races across 163rd St. from Union St. to St. Nicholas Ave., where Frank's aunt lived. He has been running ever since, and this NYU freshman, now 20, is touted as the coming miler of the track world.

Papa Dixon was once a distance runner at Butler U. He never urged his youngster to become a runner, but he set an example that the boy felt impelled to follow.

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Now Coach Emil von Elling of NYU speaks of young Dixon in the same breath with Leslie MacMitchell, which gives you an idea. Since he entered NYU last fall, Dixon hasn't lost a race, winning eight straight cross-country events, including the Intercollegiate and National AAU championships. Even MacMitchell, who never lost a harrier race, did not equal this, since freshmen were not eligible for the IC4-A then.

Dixon, Glenn, MacMitchell All Weigh 158 Pounds.

Dixon is a well set-up, copper-skinned Negro lad of 20. He has a magnificent build and superb legs. Oddly enough, he weighs exactly the same—158 pounds—as did Glenn Cunningham and MacMitchell when they ran under Von Elling.

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Dixon will show his turn of speed Saturday at Ohio Field when he goes for the Met AAU "indoor" championship, being conducted outdoors because Chairman Pinky Sober couldn't find an indoor site. But that will be a mere warmup for the bigger tests to come, when Dixon matches strides with Gilbert Dodds, the rapid minister from Boston, and other big names in Garden track superfeatures.

Although Father Dixon never egged his progeny to take up running, he is following his efforts with the avid eagerness that only an old runner could have. In those cross-country starts last year, the elder Dixon would get time off from the Post Office and watch by running from point to point.

Young Dixon was born in St. Louis, moving to New York when he was 10. He went to James Monroe, where Paul Courtois taught him the running fundamentals, then to St. Francis Prep. He had been working out on the NYU boards for years, always wanting to put himself under the guidance of Von Elling.

Von thinks Dixon has every possibility that MacMitchell enjoyed at the same stage. He needs to develop a keener feeling for pace and partial timings, even as did their natural imitativeness, with youngsters emulating stars of their own race like Tolan, Owens, Peacock, Metcalfe and the others.

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Dixon in class at NYU.



Dixon (no specs) after a race.

Leslie, and must gain experience against topnotch performers.

The coach has so much regard for Dixon's potentialities that he believes he may be the one to break the erstwhile Negro fetish for the sprints. He believes that Negro runners have emphasized themselves in the dash because of their natural imitativeness, with youngsters emulating stars of their own race like Tolan, Owens, Peacock, Metcalfe and the others.

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Armstrong And Louis Belong With Greats

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Billy Conn Also Ranks With Best During Past 5 Years

By DILLON GRAHAM
AP Features Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Many stars paraded across the sports scene during the last five years but, outstanding as they were among their contemporaries, were they good enough to rank with the all-time greats?

Boxing produced some fine fighters during that half-decade, notably Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong and Billy Conn.

Louis, in his eight years as a professional, lost only one fight—to Max Schmeling. Although he was publicized as a superman because of a rapid succession of quick knockout triumphs, Louis hardly had the experience to meet the crafty and hard-punching German at the time of their first fight. After taking terrible punishment, Louis was kayoed in 12 rounds. But, two years later, he destroyed Schmeling in less than a round.

As champion since 1937, only two foes—Tommy Farr and Arturo Godoy—have been on their feet after 15 rounds with Louis. He defended his crown 21 times, more often than any other heavyweight titleholder, and risked it seven times in one year. He combined boxing skill with terrific punching power.

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Armstrong is the only fighter ever to hold three world titles at the same time—the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns. Furthermore, he fought a draw with Ceferino Garcia, the middleweight king. Hammering Hank was not a pretty boxer or a sharp puncher. A flailing fighter, Hank continually crowded his foe, swinging punches from every direction. He exhausted his rivals by his fast pace. At his peak, no one could stand up against him.

Conn Masterful Boxer

Conn was a masterful boxer, perhaps one of the greatest of all, at least among the heavier men. First, he virtually cleaned up the middleweight division, then won the world championship from Melio Bettina the first time he fought as a light heavyweight in 1939. He beat Bettina again and Gus Lesnevich twice in title defenses, then moved on to the heavyweights although he was still just a slightly overgrown light heavy. For 12 rounds Conn outpointed Louis in their heavyweight championship bout in June, 1941, only to be knocked out when he forgot defense in an impetuous effort to kayo the harassed Louis.

Mike Jacobs and James J. Johnston are others who have contributed much to boxing. Jacobs was the outstanding promoter of the 1930's and still is. He put on most of the championship bouts in every division. Furthermore, it has lately developed that Jacobs was to some considerable extent responsible for the promotional success of Tex Rickard in the 20's and earlier.

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Johnston takes top rank among the managers. He has piloted fighters for around 40 years, has had champions, and in recent years has shown himself an astute maneuverer in obtaining heavyweight title matches for two comparatively mediocre fighters, Bob Pastor and Abe Simon. Johnston also was a first class bantamweight himself but was knocked out in his bid for the championship around the turn of the century.

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Belong In Hall Of Fame

We think Louis and Armstrong belong in the Hall of Fame for boxing alongside those chosen early in 1938 by Alan Gould, then sports editor of The Associated Press, now an AP news executive. Gould surveyed the long history of athletics and came up with Hall of Fame selections for boxing as well as golf, tennis, track and field, football and sportswomen.

These are his boxing nominations:

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James J. Corbett, Robert Fitzsimmons, John L. Sullivan, Joe Gans, Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard, Tex Rickard, Gene Tunney, Jack McAuliffe and Sam Langford.

Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa
Beau APR 8 1943

Beau Jack's win over Henry Armstrong made the experts look good—but it was the same story of the Beau

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Ft. Benning RC Band To Add Color To Tilt

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Coach Ralph C. Robinson, the Clark College mentor, has begun tapering off his team today for the gigantic battle tomorrow with the well-seasoned Fort Benning team which invades Atlanta Thursday to battle the Panthers in Ponce de Leon Park Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The final touch will be put on the Cardinal and Black squad sometime Thursday afternoon when the 28 men of destiny representing the school this year on the gridiron will get their final instructions from Robinson and McPherson.

Interest has mounted in this contest until the whole town is talking about the colorful event which will usher in the football season in Atlanta this year. Fans are talking about the great band that the soldiers are bringing here and about the contest before the game and at the halftime. Atlantans love music above all cities in the south and the band alone is a show which you have never witnessed before.

Clark College, too, has a band that is good and one which should become a favorite with the football lovers before the season is over. With all this entertainment it is practically a certainty that a crowd of over 5,000 fans will welcome the wartime football season back and officials at Clark are going out of their way to see to it that everyone has a great time.

HARPER AND RENFRO OUTSTANDING STARS

It can be said for the Panthers now that they will have two great athletes in David T. Harper and Renfroe. We must not forget the prowess of "Bob Cat" Barbee, outstanding flankmen, from last year and the versatility of Talmadge Owens. Three of these men are lettermen from last year's squad and they will be ready for the challenge the army offers in this mighty game of Thursday night. They will have their hands full, but they will be ready with a brand of wide-open football never before witnessed here by any school. Clark will be giving its all for their first victory of the year and youngsters are being properly groomed for the hard assignment with the power mad Fort Benning eleven.

OUTSTANDING SIAA STARS TO PLAY

In speaking of this game for Thursday let us keep in mind that the Army has the best men available for their team. Men who have romped the SIAC and CIAA gridirons bringing untold glory to the athletic prestige of the school. Some of the leading schools will be represented in a way when the army takes the field. You will see some of the past greats of Morris Brown in John, (Honey) Smith, Hollingsworth and "Inky" White. Hollingsworth was the best blocker in Morris Brown history and White was a great end along with "Honey" Smith, being one of her best guards. Then, too, do not forget the "Men in Orange" boasting such stars as the "Body Builder" Macon Williams, who is now wearing the colors of Uncle Sam and playing with Fort Benning. There are other former gridiron greats. You will see them against Clark which make this game one of the most important of the season.

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Montgomery, Ala.
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Hornets To Play Xavier Saturday

Good luck pulled the local State Teachers Hornets through their opening game with a heavier and more experienced Florida team without a single serious injury, and elated over their holding a favored opponent to a 6-6 deadlock the boys set to work with a vim for their coming meeting with the Xavier University Bulldogs at New Orleans this Saturday.

Alertness on the defense saved the Hornets from dire consequences on several occasions in the opener and coaches can concentrate their attention on the improvement of the Hornet aerial game. Several new pass formations have been given the team in preparation for the coming tilt and the Bulldogs in Louisiana will face a varied Hornet attack with ample support from the air arm. Two good pass catching ends in the veteran Clayton and freshman Spears will receive support from ex-end Jackson, now shifted to fullback, in carrying out the air plans. It was freshman Spears who caught the touchdown pass which tied the Rattlers last Saturday and the boy proved himself quite rugged at the end post in his tackling and blocking. The pass was thrown by Jefferson, another rookie with the football team who played sixty minutes of heads up football at left half. Neither Spears nor Jefferson has ever had on a uniform before but both played like veterans.

Hornet training will continue to be strenuous as each game will find them outweighed and faced by greater manpower. There are only a little more than a score of players on the squad and that means that there will always be some sixty-minute performers. Other sixty-minute men in the Florida clash were Jackson, Kennedy, Ingraham and Young, all veterans. They set a good example for their freshman mates and all are gunning for a victory in the Xavier clash.

'Bama State Hornets And Fla. A. and M. Battle to 6-6 Tie

Weekly Review

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Oct. 16 — Flordia's Rattlers took a 6 point lead on the second play of the third quarter here tonight when Quarles raced 58 yards, through the Alabama State Hornet's line to the Hornet double stripe but were quickly repaid in kind when Jackson intercepted a Ratler fourth down pass thrown from the Hornet 25 and lugged it to the Rattler 20 to set up a touchdown for the local team registered by a 11-yard pass from Jefferson to Spears near the close of the same period. Neither team converted and as there was no more scoring in the final period the 6-6 stalemate resulted.

Neither team was able to score in the first half which ended with Florida in possession of the ball on the Hornet yard line. The Rattler touchdown play came suddenly. They had been held to meagre 1 yard gain on their first play of the second half and then Quarles found a hole in the Hornet line and raced through for the marker. The Hornet tally was no less unusual. Veteran Pate Jackson intercepted a fourth down toss which most footballers would have batted down and ran 50 yards before lateralling the ball to Jefferson who ran 15 more. Interference with the Hornet receiver was obvious on the second play after and gave the Hornets a first down on the Rattler 11. Two line plays and then the pay off pass to Spears knoted the count.

This was the first bright spot in the Hornet football in two years as they lost 8 straight last two of the preceding season. season in addition to losing the preceding season. Greatly outweighed, they rose to meet every Rattler threat, and their tally was the result of a pass completed between two players who have never had on football uniform before, a fine tribute to their spirit and the coaching of Brown and Lockhart.

Birmingham, Ala

Standouts of the game were hard to name due to excellent team play for the Hornets. In addition to those already named, something must be said about the work of Ingram, a 165 pound vet center shifted to tackle, Jackson shifted from end to fullback, and the tackling of Young and Kennedy and Clayton. Florida's big backs, Quarles, Gantt, and Albury were constant threats, and Lamar, Lawson and Twine, harnessed the Hornet backs.

Doctor Advises Knee Operation For Beau Jack

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

NEW YORK— (Calvin's News Service)—Beau Jack, former lightweight champion is suffering from synovitis, commonly known as water on the knee and may have to undergo an operation for removal of liquid on his right knee. Results will be determined from ex-ray pictures, according to Dr Vincent Nardiello, who examined Jack this week. He plans to enter his patient at St. Clare's Hospital which will take the Beau out of action for at least two weeks. However, his manager, Chick Wergeles insists he will have ample time to train for his return bout with Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia Bobcat and lightweight champ, scheduled for the Garden November 19th.

If you want to know why Jack lost the fight to Bobby Ruffin last Monday night, it was attributed largely to his injured knee.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

KENNY WASHINGTON POLES TWO HOME RUNS ON COAST

Paced by the nationally known all-around former UCLAN athlete, Kenny Washington, the Station K Postal baseball team trounced the newly organized L. A. Wonders, 18-4, in California last Sunday.

Washington poled two homers along with superb defensive play around second base. Shortstop Davis also connected for a circuit drive to aid in the victory of his mates while Alexander was hurling a well tossed game.

Savannah, Ga., News
September 10, 1943

COLORED S. E. A. A. TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The colored Southeastern Athletic Association will hold its annual installation of officers on Sunday evening at the East Savannah baseball diamond.

The officers to be installed are: Albert Walker, president; Joseph Golden, vice president; Earl Palmer, treasurer; Dan Jenkins, financial secretary; Willie McCoy, business manager; and Leroy Bolden, recording secretary.

Negro World Series May Be Decided Here Tuesday Night

Montgomery, Ala. Advertiser
September 30, 1943

The official World Series will open here Tuesday, but it may close in Montgomery the same night.

The Black Barons of Birmingham, winners of the American League pennant, are playing the Homestead Grays of Washington, winners of the National League flag, and said to be the strongest Negro club in baseball. It is a seven-game series for the world's championship and a 12-inning tie game, 4 to 4.

The two teams played in Indianapolis last night and they'll journey to Birmingham for a single game Sunday, and play the final game in Cramton Bowl Tuesday night, Oct. 5. An extra day is allowed between each game, in the event of a postponement on account of weather.

Should either team win four games before Tuesday, the game here will be played just the same, the winning team to get the entire gate receipts.

While World Series prices have been charged elsewhere the same popular prices that split the two remaining games, Should the Barons and Grays be charged here. There will be no change in admission prices. Joe Louis is not the only champion and — ironically — is not the world's champion who vanquished Max Schmelling, now a civilian prisoner of war in a German prison camp in Germany.

Negro Who Beat Schmelling Now Prisoner in German Camp

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Omaha, defeated the German
and — ironically — is
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This information was verified by theoffice of the War Prisoners' Aid of the Y.M.C.A., one of the agencies making up the National War Fund which launched its local and nation-wide drive last week with a coast-to-coast broadcast by President Roosevelt. The War Prisoners' Aid provides the prisoners with games played in their homelands, handicraft equipment, hobby material, books, music and musical instruments, and other things.

Taylor, who has been living abroad in recent years, in virtual obscurity as far as his American compatriots know, was a boxing instructor in Belgium and France when he was discovered and incarcerated by the Nazis with other nationals of the United Nations when they entered the war against the Axis.

Never a national champin himself, as far as the records show, Jack nevertheless was of champion material during his prime, and was known for his ability to defeat the champions. Besides whipping Schmelling, he laid low the mighty Battling Siki, Senegalese conqueror of France's Georges Carpentier, a lightweight world's champion.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.
OCT 6 1943



C.-J. Photo.

NEGRO JOCKEYS will be riding at Churchill Downs today for the first time in several years. Jimmy Blackburn (right) tells Jimmy Fox about Tippity, on whom he rode his first winner at Fairmount Park a few months ago, and whom he is slated to ride today as Downs' 19-day meeting opens.

Pepsi Cola Giants Hold Florida Diamond Title

Pittsburgh Pa. Courier
1943

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 5—The Pepsi Cola Giants, at first, were the Nebraska Giants, local sandlot team of Tampa, with a roster of kids from ages of 10 to 15. Out of this scrub team has come one of the best semi-pro teams in the South.

Credit should go to David Waitman and Jimmy Maxey, for perfecting such a good combination out of such little material. The local sportsmen had quite a few ups and downs but succeeded in developing a team that had beaten such teams as the Ethiopian Clowns, post tournament winners of '41; the Cleveland Bears, Brooklyn Royal Giants, the Toledo Crawfords and the Detroit Black Sox. They lost by close scores to Cuban Stars, Homestead Grays and the Memphis Red Sox. Besides meeting the topnotch teams of the country, they have barnstormed with the celebrated Jesse Owens, nationally known sprint star.

The Giants are also responsible for some players making big time. Players have been sent to the New York Black Yankees, Philadelphia Stars and the Cleveland Bears, and every one made excellent records for themselves.

The Giants are as good and better than some teams in either of the big league, because they have met and defeated the best of them. Here is what you meet when you meet the Giants: good pitching, good hitting and base running, and tight and defense play in the infield and outfield. in fact, it's one of the best infields in colored baseball. Managemr Maxey says he is willing to put them up against anybody.



Ray "Sugar" Robinson and Promoter Mike Jacobs, one of boxing's greatest teams. Robinson fought under the Jacobs' banner and "Uncle Mike" acted as his advisor. Now in the Army, Ray won 42 out of 43 professional fights before he was drafted. He is rated as one of the greatest fighters of all time. Born in Detroit, Mich., Robinson took his first boxing lessons at the Brewster Community Center, where Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis got his start.

BEST BASEBALL TEAM IN SOUTHEAST

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
AUG 7 1943



The Pepsi-Cola Giants, of Tampa, Fla., have proven to be one of the best semi-pro teams in the South, having met many of the best outfits in the National and American leagues and turned in excellent performances. They are recognized as Florida State champions.

Beau Jack Licks Wounds After Losing Title Bout

Houston, Texas Informer
JUN 26 1943

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK — ON THE BOXING FRONT — Former Lightweight champion Sidney (Beau Jack) Walker was licking his wounds while his front office mouthpieces, Bowman Milligan and Chic Wergeles were busy explaining how he lost the title following the sensational 15-round payoff contest at the Garden last week.

Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia Bobcat and pride of South Street, was back in Quakertown working his regular shift at the Sun Shipyards, happy as could be over finally getting a chance to get into the king's row.

Most of the wags along the boxing rialto believe Beau Jack wasn't trained right for his first defense of the lightweight crown he won when he knocked out Tippy Larkin last winter.

Beau Jack is strictly a battle royal type of fighter; a pier six brawler of the old school, despite his youth.

When George Gainsford tried, on the orders of Milligan, Wergeles and Co., to turn the former Augusta, Ga., shoeshine boy into a lightweight edition of Gainsford's most famous product, Ray (Sugar) Robinson, the writing on the wall could be plainly seen.

Beau Jack absorbed many of the things Gainsford taught him those fateful weeks at Greenwood Lake.

He learned a semblance of Robinson's famed bolo.

He learned something about using his left hand to mix it up with his own right cross and right uppercut.

He got an inkling of what footwork means according to the Robinson style.

He got a rough idea about pac

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To beat Bob Montgomery is a major task for most lightweight save Sammy Angott who beat him twice.

For Beau Jack to accomplish that feat on borrowed style would have been one of the wonders of the century.

That's why there's a new lightweight champion on the scene in the person of personable, capable and dangerous Robert Montgomery.

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Listen to Dizzy Dean, [illegible] Rickey ...

Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

"You know, when I was out there pitching against this team today, I couldn't help think about the many games I worked in the majors. Boy, I sure had some thrilling experiences. However, there was one thing that struck me.

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"I don't believe those big leaguers were any tougher than some of these Negro players."

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New York Times
New York. N. Y.

N.Y.A.C. GAMES WILL FIND THEM AT THE STARTING LINE



Greg Rice. Jim Rafferty and Frank Dixon

New York Times
New York. N. Y.

Sports of the Times

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By ARTHUR DALEY

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Return Ticket to Berlin

JACKIE WILSON fought in Berlin six years ago and he wants to go back there to fight again. He went about the business of arranging for a return trip the right way, too, since he chose as his most recent manager the Old Gentleman With the Whiskers. In other words, Jackie Wilson enlisted in the United States Army.

He is Sergeant Jackie Wilson now, if you please, and is one of the country's ranking welterweights. Tonight, he will do his battling for Uncle Mike Jacobs instead of Uncle Sam, when he trades punches with Jake La Motta in a ten-rounder in Madison Square Garden. He'd like to get a shot at Ray Robinson before he takes a shot at Adolf Hitler but is willing to wait for the first shot if he can get the other one in beforehand.

The German boxing fans did not care much for the elongated boxer when he was en route to the bantamweight final in the Olympic championship tournament. He was a member of what the German press, in its sublime conceit, termed the "Black American Auxiliaries." They booed Wilson lustily in all four of his preliminary bouts and great was their delight when Ulderico Sergo of Italy was given the decision over him in the final.

New York Times

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Champion of Germany

To this day Jackie believes firmly that he won that bout on points, a view the great majority of the American witnesses shared at the time. Be that as it may, Wilson later had a chance to square accounts with Signor Sergo. He caught up with him a few months later at the old Hippodrome in the final of an international amateur tournament and knocked his ears off.

Before he left Germany, however, Wilson accomplished one thing that still tickles him. He fought a noble Aryan in Hamburg and practically wrecked him. "I don't remember his name," grinned Jackie, "but they tol' me when I was fightin' him that it was for the German featherweight championship."

That must have been a great shock to those perfect examples of blond Aryanism, Hitler and Goebbels. Those two were often seen staring in cold discomfort while Jesse Owens, John Woodruff, Archie Williams and the other "Auxiliaries" were annexing one Olympic track championship after another.

What undoubtedly was the apogee of ludicrousness was the German account of the 100 meter and 200 meter finals. Osendarp of the Netherlands was hailed as the "real" Olympic champion in both. He was third in each but—Nazi version—"the fastest white sprinter in the world."

Ho, hum. It is no wonder then that 15,000 Germans in Deutschland Hall booed Wilson night after night.

"I don't think it was entirely because I was colored," he said. "They jes' didn't seem to care for Americans or Canadians. If you were a European you got what breaks there was but if you came from No'th America you had to knock 'em out to win."

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A Sound Education

Obviously Wilson had taken that very much to heart. He learned his lessons well, because in his fifty-six professional bouts to date he has scored thirty-nine knockouts. Furthermore, he has won in return matches from the three men who beat him. Perhaps that last item can be traced back to the influence of the Sergo rematch right after the Olympics.

The tenant of this corner does not remember Jackie on the Olympic trip but he must have been a sight. He was fighting then at 119 pounds and was just an inch under 6 feet tall. His height hasn't changed any but his weight makes him look pretty trim since he's up to 145 pounds. In Jackie's earlier days Bob Ripley used him in a cartoon as the tallest 102-pounder ever to step into the ring, believe it or not.

Last May Jackie went into the Army and has had only three matches since then, winning two by knockouts and one by decision. The most noted victim on that miniature winning streak was the Cocoa Kid. Yet such is his reputation that the National Boxing Association ranks him just behind Robinson and Henry Armstrong in its welterweight list—if N. B. A. lists have any value. Hammering Henry, in fact, gave the then scrawny youngster his first tips on boxing, and Wilson idolizes him. "The greatest fighter ever," he says of Armstrong, veneration in his eyes.

JAN 15 1943

One-Punch Wilson

The strangest experience in the Wilson career came after he had broken his right hand in putting too vigorous a slug on an opponent. Doctors advised an operation but Jackie was satisfied that the bones would mend properly in a cast. For two months his hand was taped up tighter than a baseball bat. Then he went back to work.

In his first bout he stepped gingerly out of his corner, jabbed twice with his left and—socko!—his right lashed out in a wicked cross to the jaw. The other fellow never knew what hit him because he was still unconscious at the final count.

"Lucky for me he didn't get up," said Jackie. "That ol' hand jes' break again and I had to get it operated on after all."

Newsweek
Dayton. Ohio

SPORT WEEK

No Tears, Please

by JOHN LARDNER

Prizefighters are frequently moved to make "comebacks," as in the case of Henry Armstrong, the former champion of three weight divisions, and when they do so the last thing they want is sympathy. Sympathy is very annoying to a comeback fighter. It louses up the whole scenario.

Mr. Armstrong, for instance, is anxious to establish a public belief that he is fully resurgent, loaded for bear, and out to reconquer the world. It impairs the prestige of his campaign no little when people say: "I see poor old Hank is trying to get himself another stake. I hope he don't go blind doing it." This form of tenderheartedness is especially irritating when it seeps into the newspapers; as it often does, since nobody with access to an audience likes to keep his manly feelings a secret.

There's been talk recently of matching Armstrong with Ray Robinson, an undefeated welterweight full of vitamins and ten years younger than Henry. The fight would have rich cash implications, if taken seriously by the public. You can understand the indignation of Mr. Armstrong, therefore, when Mr. Robinson, without banishing the reporters from his presence, said:

"I wouldn't want to fight poor old Hank. I might hurt him, and he used to be my idol."

This was a noble sentiment, all right, and it filled Mr. Armstrong with disgust. If Mr. Robinson was going to have these mawkish emotions, the least he could do was keep them to himself. Mr. Armstrong, feeling his comeback campaign to be jeopardized, hastily began to needle Mr. Robinson with loud jeers and bitter defiance. His words were so bellicose that the younger man swallowed his sympathy and agreed to infringe his "idol" at the first opportunity. That, at least, is the explanation given for the resumption of Armstrong-Robinson negotiations, with the fight planned for some time late in January.

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The old "save-him-from-himself" routine continues to bedevil Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Armstrong must satisfy garments, and a war going on, the times are too tender for Henry's purpose.

Before the fight can be staged in tired manufacturer of ladies' and active philanthropist, at Democratic lame-duck chair- New York State's boxing com- the general is very leery of incipient or otherwise. His consist of Maj. Gen. John J. Phelan, re- mission. The gentlemen, kindness,

statesmanly fingers were burned once before in a case of this sort.

Four years ago Joe Louis fought a bout in the general's territory with John Henry Lewis, a close but unfortunate friend of the champion's. Louis knocked his crony cold in the first round. It developed later that the victim went into the ring with his eyesight 50 per cent below normal, thanks to a slight case of total blindness in one eye.

General Phelan's medical staff failed to detect this flaw in the preliminary investigation, and John Henry Lewis was passed with the customary OK: "We have never examined a finer physical specimen." The general, naturally humane, is now even more so, in self-defense. He has redoubled his vigilance, and I doubt if even a one-legged man could get past him today.

Henry Armstrong did have a spot of eye trouble two years ago, when he was carved by Fritzie Zivic. As yet there is nothing to indicate that his plight approaches that of Sam Langford, the most dogged blind man in ring history.

Langford had one eye punched sightless by Fred Fulton. A cataract began to form over the other, but Samuel, overmature and consistently broke, went on fighting. In a bout one night in the Northwest one of his wild swings got home to his opponent's chin and the gentleman sat down. He got up again, however, and Langford, hoping to finish it, began to stalk him—in the wrong direction. A sports writer at the ringside yelled, "He can't see!" and the bout was adjourned. It saddens me to report that Mr. Langford continued to fight whenever he could get away with it, chiefly in Mexico. He later went stone blind.

Henry Armstrong, as I say, seems still to be well short of this predicament. And every day, what with these maudlin displays of sentiment, he finds it harder to get himself maimed on his own time. But the man has never given up yet, and it looks as though he plans to keep trying.

New York Times
New York, N. Y

Dixon Enters Banker's Mile

By the United Press.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Frank Dixon, New York University freshman who was the first Negro runner to score in major mile competition, has filed his entry in the Banker's Mile of the Chicago relays at Chicago Stadium March 20.

Dixon will run here against Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, and Earl Mitchell, Indiana University.

Daily World
Atlanta. Ga.

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SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT



By Joel W. Smith

FEB 8 1943

XAVIER QUINTET CONTINUES TO LEAD SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TEAMS IN PRE-TOURNAMENT PLAY

The Xavier University Gold Rush quintet continues to lead Southern Conference cage teams in the pre-tournament season. Coach "Ted" Wright'c 1943 aggregation toppled the South Carolina State Bulldogs and Tuskegee Golden Tigers by convincing margins, until there is little doubt that he has the SIAC crown in "the bag," with little opposition at the annual tournament. The Gold Rush "five" has only played three games against conference teams, but is slated to tour Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina shortly. Coach Ollie Dawson and his well-balanced team are pointing for the Xavierites, when they come to Orangeburg, so Clifton and Ward had better be "right."

Despite losses to South Carolina State and Florida, Morris Brown's Purple Wolverines hold an edge for runner-up honors. The sharp-shooters of Coach W. J. Nicks saw a plenty of action last week. They defeated the Morehouse Tigers 50-44, to sweep the two-game series: Lane College Dragons 49-30: and Florida Rattlers, 55-53 before leaving the Gate City for Alabama and Florida. The Wolverines nosed out Tuskegee, 41-40 in an extra period contest and turned back Alabama State, 34-18. Down in Tallahassee Coach Neilson and his Rattlers turned the tables on the Nicksmen, winning, 56-36. The smooth-clicking South Carolina State Bulldogs have played only one conference game, since their long tour of Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana. The Holden-Penn-Copeland-Moore-Bligen combination kicked Benedict, 50-31.

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Both the Tuskegee Tigers and Florida Rattlers have .500 percentages. Coach Adams' Golden Tigers have triumphed over the 'Bama State Hornets twice, and hold victories over Florida, Lane and Morehouse. On the other side of the ledger, the Golden Tigers dropped single tilts to Alabama State, Fisk, Florida, Morris Brown and Xavier. The Florida Rattlers have registered wins over Alabama State, Tuskegee and Morris Brown, but have likewise been beaten by Tuskegee, Morris Brown and Clark.

STANDING OF SIAC CAGE TEAMS:

Xavier	3	0	188	96	1.000
Morris Brown	7	2	355	334	.777
S. C. State	6	2	326	312	.750
Fisk	2	1	132	94	.667
Tuskegee	5	5	377	412	.500
Florida	3	3	305	257	.500
Clark	2	3	192	167	.400
Morehouse	3	5	325	304	.375
Alabama State	3	7	291	363	.333
Benedict	0	1	31	50	.000
Lane	0	4	109	213	.000
Knoxville	0	0	0	0	.000

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AT CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT AT 'SKEGEE NEXT MONTH

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While indications point to the Xavier Gold Rush quintet as being a "super-team," the writer is reasonably certain that anything can happen at the annual conference tournament, which will be staged in Logan Gymnasium, Tuskegee Institute, March 4, 5 and 6. Although the pre-tournament standing is used as the basis for pairing teams for the eliminations, it will mean little or nothing, when the teams swing into action. In the past, teams have gone to Tuskegee with brilliant pre-tournament records only to get knocked-out during the first round or quarter-finals. A good idea of what may happen at the tournament is shown by the sensational uprising of the Alabama State Hornets last week. After dropping six games, the Hornets rocked SIAC cage circles by whipping Tuskegee, 43-23; Fisk, 37-26, and Morehouse, 35-31. The Fisk University Bulldogs with victories over Tuskegee and Lane loom as the tournament "dark-horse." The Fisk quintet will face an acid test against the Morris Brown Wolverines when they invade the Gate City this week.

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Clowns To Play In Negro American League

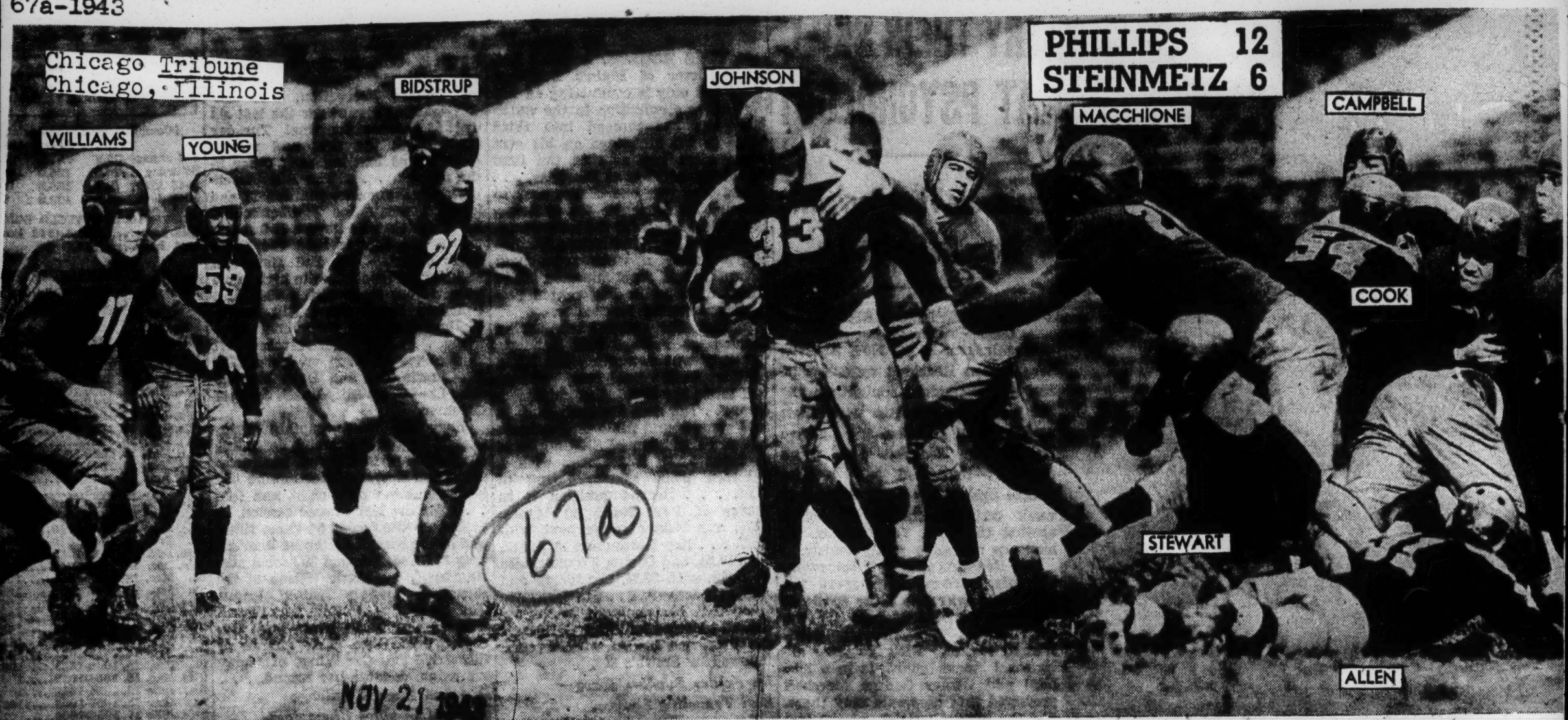
Miami's Ethopian Clowns have been added to the Negro American Baseball League. Hunter Campbell, founder of the club, died a few months back, but Bunny Downs and Syd Pollock are carrying on, and players will open spring training, April 16, at Dorsey Park. Downs will handle the club on the field and Pollock will look after the front office. The Clowns, who based last summer at Crosley Field, will officia" pre- sent Cincinnati in the Negro circuit this year. Contracts have been mailed to four players already, Pepper Bassett, Sloppy Lindsay, Goose Tatum and King Tut. Like baseball in general, the future of the Clowns depends on the manpower commission's attitude toward athletes in Three-A.

An unusual contribution for horsemen stranded here was received the other day at Tropical Park from Waukegan, Ill. "I am a total disabled veteran from War Or plained the accompanying note. "Have a family to e om n ;ov- ernment compensation. Therefore, I on a mon for spending money. Enclosed please find e hors an to have a meal or two. They have had d h down there at the track. The bookie won't get this m th' $2, but some horseman will." Needless to say, the ey was returned. Tropical has paid $2,700 so far to horsen fo eed bills and rail transportation.

Incidentally, Sunny Jim Fitzsimmc of American trainers, has left for New ork with the stuc and Wheatley stables from Hialeah Park.

John C. Clark, Hialeah's president, is in the big city attending a meeting of the Thoroughbred Racing Association. Clark, president of the association, will return in 10 days.

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DON JOHNSON OF PHILLIPS HIGH PICKING UP 5 YA[illegible] AGAINST STEINMETZ IN SOLDIERS' FIELD YESTERDAY [TRIBUNE]

PHILLIPS MARCHES TO CITY HIGHSCHOOLCHAMPIONSHIP

Atlanta Grid Star Plays On Mixed Team In England



READY TO CHALLENGE all comers is this team of Negro and White soldiers stationed in England. Front row, left to right: Technician Fifth Grade R. Blakeman, Syracuse, New York; Private Arthur Carpenter, Bemus-Point, New York; Corporal William D. Moman, Jackson, Mississippi; Corporal Warren Woodard, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Private First Class Grady Bullock, Atlanta, Georgia; Private Thomas Synas, Montpelier, Vermont; Private Ray Washer, Buffalo, New York. Rear row: Private First Class Nathaniel A. Townsell, Palmetto, Florida; Lieutenant Harley Razansky, Milwauee, Wisconsin; Private First Class Pat F. Palmiere, Syracuse, New York; Staff Sergeant N. McCutcheon, East Aurora, New York; Staff Sergeant Edward Reed, Seaside, Oregon, and Private James Buell, Oneida, New York. (Photo by U. S. Army).

Why Not Include Negro Aces in 9's Overseas?

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The response of the major leaguers to the plan of sending all-star baseball teams to the fighting fronts to entertain the men in the armed forces has been terrific. One hundred and twenty-four players of the National League have already signified their great desire to play on the teams which will tour the world's camps.

Most major leaguers, desirous of making some contribution to the war, are already "begging" to be accepted as aces who would be as popular with good-natured soldiers as the white major leaguers.

But why should the stars be limited to white stars? Why not include the Negro baseball teams playing diamond over a batch of Negro

The idea, as we have said in ing place among them. This is something the War Department as well as the major these pages before, is a grand one. leagues must take into serious We cannot think of anything the consideration at once. Negro men would like more than major soldiers are among the white sol-league ball games right in their

diers in these far flung fields of battle. Besides, Negro athletes are known to millions of white fans. The present exhibition tour of Sgt. Joe Louis, Corp. Ray Robinson, Sgt. George Nicholson and Sgt. Jackie Wilson, all Negroes, is drawing tens of thousands of Negro and white troops into arenas. . . . Indeed, the appearance of Joe and his fellow fighters has proven to be the biggest thing in the camps they have visited to date.

Why then stop at Negro fighters when there are so many great Negro baseball stars just as anxious and willing to make the trip overseas as there are major leaguers?

If anything, the presence of Negro and white baseball players would have a wonderful affect upon the men overseas, who are at grip with the enemy and who have learned from bitter experience that bullets and bombs do not care who they hit be your skin white, brown, yellow or black.

It behooves the responsible authorities to think of this.

JACK TAKES TITLE, TOPS MONTGOMERY

New York Times

Wins Before 17,866 in Garden Ring to Regain Crown in Upset Victory

New York, N. Y.

By JAMES T. DAWSON

A great little fighter came back to the heights last night in Madison Square Garden before a roaring crowd of 17,866 fans who paid $99,873 to see one of the biggest boxing upsets of modern times.

Fighting one of the greatest battles of his spectacular career, Beau Jack, Negro warrior from Augusta, Ga., who a few short years ago was a shoeshine boy and golf links caddy, battered his way to the decision over Bob Montgomery and regained the world lightweight title he lost to the Philadelphian on May 21.

Thus Jack became the second lightweight to regain a championship from the man to whom he lost it. He did this to the complete satisfaction of everybody who saw this grand little fighter in what must have been the best bout of his career. From the outset the Beau fought as if his life depended on the result.

The decision in the fifteen-round match was unanimous, as the action warranted, only one of the three officials made it close. Referee Arthur Susskind (Young Otto of another ring day) scored it seven rounds for the Beau, six for Montgomery and two even.

Even Losing Bettors Agree

Judge Bill Healy gave Jack ten rounds to five. The writer's card showed the Beau in front, eleven rounds to four.

The battle commanded the admiration even of those who had backed Montgomery to win at odds of 1 to 4 and who had wagered 5 to 9 on a knockout.

Overccoming the danger of a knockout on two occasions, Beau Jack fought like the little demon he was before his title slipped from him last spring.

Thought to be at the end of his tether, Beau turned the tables in savage outbursts of fighting that had Montgomery shaken and weary.

The Beau demonstrated his gameness first in the fifth round, when a smashing right cross to the jaw sent him staggering half way across the ring, on the brink of defeat. This was an easy escape, compared with the stand with which he drew fans to their feet yelling encouragement in the torturous fourteenth round.

Helpless under a right to the jaw, the Beau escaped the vicious digs of an eager rival who sought a knockout. He rolled with punches, ducked, bobbed and weaved away from others, tried weakly to forestall still more but never curled or quavered in the face of the wicked onslaught.

Strikes Back at Rival

The Beau came out of this trial to finish the round tapping Montgomery silly with left jabs.

Those two rounds highlighted Jack's grand defensive stand. He had some trying moments, too, in the third and eleventh rounds, which Montgomery also won.

But in every other round the Beau, with his famous bolo punch, was master.

The Beau typically tossed caution to the winds and overwhelmed his rival. He crowded Montgomery out of the first two rounds. He came back in the fourth, after absorbing a withering third-round body fire, to uncork the feared bolo.

Rallying from the fifth-round danger, Beau Jack sallied serenely through the next five sessions.

Beau was hurt early in the sixth and again in the eighth. But he came back each time, and in the ninth staggered Montgomery with a sweeping bolo to the chin. Following Montgomery's rally in the eleventh, the Beau came back through the twelfth and thirteenth to hammer the fading champion.

After evading Montgomery's desperate bid for a knockout in the fourteenth, Beau Jack, weary and bruised like his foe, nevertheless had enough reserve again to thrust aside Montgomery's attempted rally in the last round.

Jack weighed 132¾ pounds, Montgomery 133¾.

Lew Hanbury, 135½, Washington, hammered his way to the decision over Fred Addeo, 137¾, in the six-round semi-final.

Al Gomez, 132¼, Chicago, rallied spectacularly from a fourth-round knockdown to win the decision over Mike Della, 133¼, Los Angeles, in six rounds.

In a six-rounder, Harold Smith, 149, Philadelphia, outpointed Neil Miller, 152, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Ham Wiloby, 123, Jamaica, L. I., gained the decision over Davey Crawford, 125, Brooklyn, in their four-round bout. In the opening bout of four rounds Jock Leslie, 123½, Flint, Mich., received the award over Bobby Henry, 128½, West Side.

All the excitement was not generated in the ring. Extra-curricular developments came outside the arena when the doors were thrown open to open the general admission sale.

In the mistaken belief the price was the customary $1.15, more than 500 fans stampeded both the Fiftieth and Forty-ninth Street entrances, necessitating an emergency call for extra police, mounted and afoot.

Many fans demanded $1.15 admission tickets and refused to purchase the lowest-priced ones, $2.50 each. Trouble was averted when the extra police detail shunted the objectors to the far side of each street.

BEAU JACK MAY BOX EX-CHAMPION AGAIN

New York Times

But Delay in Third Bout With Montgomery Until Outdoor Season Is Likely

New York, N. Y.

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Elated at regaining his lightweight title from Bob Montgomery in fifteen rounds of savage fighting Friday night at Madison Square Garden, Beau Jack, doughty little former golf caddy, yesterday made plans for an early return to Augusta, Ga., and a short respite from the ring campaigns. Restoration of the title fulfilled an ambition the Beau had nurtured since he lost it to Montgomery on May 21. The fact that he won a unanimous verdict from the three ring officials as well as ringside observers made the feat more enjoyable to him.

Only those who bet 4 to 1 against the Beau were saddened, and even they conceded the restored champion's superiority beyond question, subscribing to the consensus that he won by at least ten rounds to five.

Jack, enriched by more than $20,000, his share of the gross receipts, which amounted to $98,373, expected to resume ring action within three weeks. There is a possibility of a third meeting with Montgomery before the end of the indoor season.

Monty's Lip Cut

Montgomery had a check for about $4,000 to salve the injury to his pride and the wound in his upper lip, which necessitated two stitches.

Jack is slated to battle Bobby Ruffin, Long Island City lightweight, in a return bout Dec. 10 in the Garden. This will be a non-title affair but will afford the Beau an opportunity to avenge another of the setbacks he suffered this year.

Under the agreement for Friday's bout, Jack is obligated to give Montgomery another crack at the title within four months. This would provide for a match in February or March in the Garden, but since the two Beau Jack-Montgomery bouts attracted close to $200,000 and there is a shortage of major outdoor fistic attractions, it would not be surprising if this proposed bout were delayed until the outdoor season.

Chick Wergeles, who manages Jack, favors the outdoor idea for the greater money return it promises. Promoter Mike Jacobs, however, was non-committal.

Jacobs Explains Price Rise

Jacobs denied that he had unexpectedly increased prices for Friday night's bout. In discussing the disturbance which took place about the balcony entrances when prospective fans found $2.50 the minimum admission charge instead of $1.15, the promoter displayed his ticket manifest and pre-fight statement for the State Athletic Commission as proof that $2.50 had been the established admittance price as far back as Aug. 23, when tickets were ordered for the fight, which was originally scheduled for Sept. 10.

Frankie Thomas ascribed Montgomery's defeat to the fact his fighter "could not get going."

Jack collected dividends on an intensive training campaign, said Manager Wergeles, who praised Larry Amadee, former trainer of Joee Louis, for the expert manner in which he conditioned the Beau and directed hois fight from the corner.

Robinson Licks Armstrong in Garden Battle

News

Hammering Hank Quits Ring Career After Bout With Youthful Sugar Ray

BY TED MEIER

NEW YORK—(AP)—The amazing ring saga of Henry Armstrong ended permanently at Madison Square Garden Friday night and more's the pity it terminated amid boos and catcalls at the scene of some of his greatest triumphs.

The faulous career of the 32-year-old former triple titleholder came to grief against the flicking fists of youthful Ray "Sugar" Robinson who waltzed to an easy 10-round decision before 15,371. The gross gate was $60,789.31.

Armstrong, in his prime regarded as one of the greatest fighters ever to hop into a ring, retired once before in January, 1941, but changed his mind last year and started a comeback that has grossed him nearly $200,000 in 27 outings.

But after the drubbing he took in losing every round to Robinson, Henry didn't mince matters. He emphasized in the dressing room that he was hanging up his gloves for keeps.

"I'm through," he said wearily. "From now on I'll manage Cecil Hudson." Hudson, a welterweight from Los Angeles, outpointed Izzy Jannazzo, New York veteran, in a six-round preliminary.

"I know it looked bad," Armstrong continued, referring to the boos from the third round on. "It's my style of fighting. If Robinson had come in, instead of staying away, it would have been different."

But Robinson, regarded in many quarters as the uncrowned welterweight champion, was content to backpedal and jab, jab, jab from long range. Only occasionally did he cut loose with the two-fisted savage attack that earned him a terrifying reputation. He seemed to hurt Armstrong on these occasions, but showed a healthy respect for his opponent and never followed up his advantage.

The crowd, keen for the kill, didn't like Robinson's caution and booed lustily. The skinny Harlem youth, a 4 to 1 favorite, asserted afterwards that Armstrong was the "greatest I ever fought. I never could get him in trouble." Armstrong said he was dazed by Robinson's first left, but "after that I got on to it and he didn't bother me."

Scaling 140 rounds to Robinson's 145, Armstrong chased the Harlem youth from start to finish, but on only two occasions did he get close enough to land some good punches. His weaving tactics from a crouching position made Robinson miss repeatedly, but not enough to reduce his big lead on points.

Armstrong, who started fighting in 1932 and has engaged in approximately 300 fights, is the only man ever to hold three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—at the same time. At one time he won 44 bouts in a row. He relinquished the featherweight title voluntarily; lost the lightweight crown to Lou Ambers and the welterweight championship to Fritzie Zivic in October, 1940, on the same night that Robinson started his pro career as a preliminary boy.

Robinson, now a corporal in the Army, will leave soon on a world tour of armed camps with Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champ.

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Here Are The 1943 Southwest Conference Champs

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WILEY COLLEGE, (above) had little trouble in annexing the 1943 football championship of the Southwest Conference. Read Chuck Duncan's analysis below.

Wiley College Wildcats No. One Eleven In Southwest Conference

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Wiley	3	0	2	.800
Prairie View	4	1	1	.750
Texas College	3	1	1	.700
Langston	2	4	0	.333
Xavier	1	3	0	.250
Sam Houston	0	5	0	.000

BY CHUCK DUNCAN

MARSHALL, Tex.—The Wiley College Wildcats are the number one team in the Southwest. The 1943 edition of the purple and white came through with their first undefeated season since 1936.

In a curtailed war schedule of only five games the Cats exhibited the old Wiley fight and hustle that made them one of the most talked of aggregations in this section.

The Southwest Conference has voted against awarding championships for the duration, but the Cats season record stamps them as the mythical champions.

Humiliated Xavier

The Methodists opened the season with the Prarie View Panthers in a scoreless draw at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

A week later they met and trounced Karl Downs' up and coming Sam Houston Dragons by the count of 12-0. The pay off came in the next game when Xavier, usually a tough nut for Wiley to crack, was humiliated by the unbelievable score of 71-0.

Langston [illegible] before the rushes of the Cats 31-[illegible] to shatter an eleven-year jinx in a great homecoming tilt, while the mighty Texas College Steers, out-played and out-first-downed, hung on to hold Wiley to a 0-0 draw.

Decline Tuskegee Tilt

The Wildcats received a bid to meet the champion Tuskegee Flyers in the Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham on New Year's Day, but the difficulties of travel caused them to decline the offer and accept the New Year's Classic to be played in Houston, Texas, against Prarie View.

The 0-0 tie played by the two teams earlier in the season at Dallas plus the natural rivalry between the Panthers and the Wildcats make this game one of the. best. New Year's atractions in many years.

MARSHALL, Tex.—Jerome Delley, star freshman guard on the Wiley Wildcats fotoball team was inducted into the Army here. Delley is from Hearne and one of the main cogs in the Wiley forward wall that permitted only two touchdowns this season. Coach Fred Long announced that Deley's successor at the right guard spot would be selected for New Year's Day from Bill Champi[illegible]o, Kneeland Clemons, Baldy Williams or "Tiny" Tennon.

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Wordy "Brushoff" Stanley Frank Says In Post; Joe Cummiskey, PM, Waiting

Few Metropolitan Dailies Took Time to Diagnose Biggest Step Taken Thus Far to Break Down Big League Barriers

Few of the daily metropolitan sports writers took much time or space to comment at [illegible] on the Friday meeting of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association with Judge Landis and the joint session of the major leagues at the Hotel Roosevelt. Stanley Frank of the Post and Joe Cummiskey of PM, consistently among those who have campaigned for fair play in baseball, analyzed the situation and we are printing Mr. Frank's column of Saturday and Mr. Cummiskey's of Sunday—Editor.

By STANLEY FRANK
(In the N. Y. Post)

Paul Robeson, distinguished American, artist and athlete, appeared yesterday with a committee representing the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association that petitioned a joint meeting of the major leagues to end discrimination against Negro players in organized baseball. This is progress. A year ago the club owners refused to receive a delegation making the same appeal for racial equality.

It is progress that means little until it is implemented by action that establishes talent as the only measure of a Negro's fitness to play in the big leagues. It is action that the club owners still are unwilling to take.

After hearing Robeson and other spokesmen for the group, the meeting issued a statement declaring that "Each club is entitled to employ Negroes to any and all extents it desires. The matter is one solely for each club to decide without any restrictions whatsoever." This is a minor change in the script that previously gave pious assurance that "there is no rule, written or understood, that bars a Negro from the major leagues."

OWNERS HIDE BEHIND WORDS

In short, the owners continue to evade an important social problem behind a smokescreen of words no one believes, least of all those who give them lip service. As one [illegible] of the sincere conviction [illegible] groes should be and [illegible] ganized baseball, I ar[illegible] along for the present with the owners in this enormously complex matter. But the present is a short, limited period. Negroes cannot be barred from baseball indefinitely or even much longer.

Before descending to the meeting, Judge Landis and Robeson chatted briefly in the Commissioner's sutie at the Roosevelt.

"The Judge knew me as an artist, but he wanted to get acquainted before we met with the owners," Robeson said. "I told them the time has come that they must change their attitude toward Negroes and keep it consistent with the attitude of the entire country.

RECEPTION IN "OTHELLO"

"To me, the most indicative thing that has happened in the fight against racial discrimination is the reception that I've been given in "Othello." I was told before the play was produced that America was not ready to accept me or such a delicate theme, but I've never appeared before friendlier audiences.

"When I played football at Rutgers, we met Southern teams that threatened to cancel games if I was in the lineup. The games were played and nothing happened. I almost was killed the first year, but I was accepted after I had proved my ability.

"I can understand the owners' fears that there would be trouble if Negroes were to play in the big leagues, but my football experience showed me such fears are groundless. Because baseball is a great game, it's up to baseball to see that discrimination does not become the American pattern.

"The approach to the problem is through each team. Resolutions and petitions won't solve it. Pressure in each town must be brought upon the teams to hire Negroes."

Robeson, I believe, is correct in [illegible] contention but one. The public will accept Negroes in baseball as it [illegible] ery other sport. The barred voluntarily by each club in [illegible] discrimination must be low- response to public opinion. But it [illegible] be feared that Ro[illegible] Yes too [illegible] least. Mere warnings do not keep under control innate and acquired prejudices. The penalty must be more severe than the offense.

Baseball people privately resent that their business has been made the focal point of agitation for elimination of racial prejudice.

They want to know why the problem is not solved first in more important fields such as medicine and social-consciousness of the Southern ball player, who has in the major or minor leagues would be in constant danger of bean balls and spikes and they would be subjected to foul verbal abuse. These vicious practices can be curbed by drastic fines and suspensions, but the club owner must be resolved to go all the way with their league president in enforcing the penalties that will compel respect for the intelligence nor the intolerance and ignorance are frightening; the first Negro players

RULES WOULD CURB VICIOUS PRACTICES

I have heard the ugly talk made by Southern—and some Northern—ball players and managers. Their [illegible] Robeson, who has [illegible] professional equality, at [illegible] portant fields such as medicine and

education. The Army and Navy and industry are not meeting the issue squarely; why should baseball?

There is, perhaps, only one answer. Baseball commands an affectionate, almost benevolent, interest because it is believed to offer opportunities to underprivileged kids given by no other activity; it is the essence of free and honest competition that we hold to be the breath of democracy. Nothing is more typically American, we say, than a sack of peanuts at the ball game.

That affectionate, benevolent interest that has helped baseball so much charges the game with certain obligations. Acceptance of the Negro ball player is a great problem. And a great privilege.

By JOE CUMMISKEY
(In Newspaper PM)

Only time will tell what was accomplished when, for the first time in the history of organized baseball the question of the unwritten law barring Negroes from participation was brought out for the major league owners, both league heads and the commissioner, to discuss.

Actually, when the Negro Publishers, actor Paul Robeson and Father Raymond Campion, a parish priest in Brooklyn's largest Negro diocese, waited on the joint session of the major leaguers Friday, there was no discussion at all.

Rather, the Publishers and Robeson—Robeson was there as an invited guest of Landis himself—simply spoke for the cause of the Negro. League officials simply listened.

Judge Landis did reiterate, for the record, that there is no law, written or unwritten, to prevent Negroes from participation in organized baseball. And, again officially, the Judge tossed the whole thing in the laps of the owners. What they do about it is up to them, he said.

It seems to me that if nothing else was done, it was a big step the moment the league officials finally came out from under glass and admitted life may be wonderful but it's also real and listened to a plea for the Negro for the first time.

Old habits die hard and I'm sure it'll be so in this case too. On the other hand, the habit of sluffing off the Negro question and prohibiting any official hearing also was an old one. The only small drops of water could wash away even the Pyramids and what occurred at the Roosevelt this week had a cleansing, if not wearing, effect.

Actually, here's what happened. John H. Sengstacke, president of the Publishers and owner of the Chicago Defender, read a statement that said in effect:

"We believe you know something about the Negro in baseball and that, to some extent, you share with us a sense of moral wrong which is being done to Negro citizens and national unity.

"We have a good starting point in Judge Landis' statement

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Dan Burley's 'CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS'

The Negro in Big League Baseball:

What are they going to do about letting Negroes play ball in the major leagues? Nothing; that is, the majors don't intend to do anything unless forced to do so. Although an opening wedge was driven into the heretofore impregnable wall of prejudice and discrimination against Negroes last Friday at the Hotel Roosevelt where Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis allowed a committee representing the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association to state the question to the joint session of the two major leagues, it can be safely predicted that not a damned thing will be done outside of empty words and gestures until the leagues know emphatically that the American public wants colored boys in big league uniforms.

There are two things to bear in mind in debating this latest effort to get justice for Negro ballplayers:

(1) that it is the first time in the 50-year fight that formal recognition has been accorded a group of representative Negroes concerned about the matter, and

(2) that the major leagues are now officially on record as a whole that "each club is entirely free to employ Negro players to any extent it pleases and the matter is solely for each club's decision without any restrictions whatsoever." These two steps may be regarded as "breaks" in the campaign. Without them little actually has been done to erase the unfair barriers against the colored ballplayer.

Judge Landis, readers may recall, made the statement that there is no rule or agreement in baseball, written or verbal, that prohibits a major or minor league club from engaging a Negro ballplayer. That was the judge speaking, not the owners and officials, although individual owners had intimated as much. Now the statement is on record as a matter of policy for the leagues.

The league presidents, club owners, and officials have in the past received tons of resolutions, telegrams, boundless phone calls, etc., on the question, but this is the first time that many of them know that Negroes could walk into their presence, committee and present intelligently their case.

Harridge Surprised at Intelligence of Group

In fact, William Harridge, president of the American League, was reported to have told a white baseball writer in the corridor of the Hotel Roosevelt Friday: "I was really surprised. Those fellows know what they're doing and go about it in a clean-cut, business-like manner. They're really a credit to themselves and to their race." Similar sentiment was said to have been present in comments made by other league executives as they talked over this latest phenomenon: Negroes coming into the sacred chambers of big league baseball to bait the practicioners of racial discord in their own lair. That is why your writer contends that Friday was of vital importance in the history of the struggle to get colored boys onto major league diamonds as members of big league teams.

The league officials—many of them, had probably labored under the old-time impression that all Negroes were of the hat-in-hand, bouncy-legged variety, using plenty of "youwse-sah, boss, y'all sho' is good white fo'ks" dialect, or were long-time zoot suit wearers with well-conked heads.

Importance of the contact originally made by the publishers with Judge Landis which resulted in the bid to appear before the leagues cannot be minimized in the least.

That's why we of the committee mapped basic strategy not to muff the play at any stage, particularly since so many organizations and individuals had been left out in the hall while the hearing was taking place. There were only a few basic thoughts to weigh:

(1) to be brief, concise and to the point;

(2) to give the league executives a favorable impression of the modern Negro; and,

(3) force the leagues to go on record one way or another as officially declaring that Negroes are or are not eligible to play in the majors.

Recitation of history; of how this Negro would have made such and such a team and how that one could pitch or catch was beside the point.

Publishers Not Supposed to Know Intricacies of Baseball

As newspaper publishers, the committee realized that it wasn't supposed to know too much about the intricacies and personalities in baseball; neither was it politics to try and go into details about how Negroes could be put in the lineups of major league teams, or how to take care of them when the teams train or travel in the South.

It was taken in consideration, and rightly so, that the major leagues have been in the business of baseball for many, many years and today possess one of the finest non-military organizations and systems known to the American public.

As Larry S. McPhail, then boss of the Dodgers told your reporter two years ago: "We know every Negro player who can pick up a bat or a glove."

That's their business to know those things, not the business of publishers.

The cardinal point of any program, thus, was to get the leagues to officially say that there is no law against allowing Negroes to play on their clubs. This was done.

The following recommendations were read and left with the joint session last Friday: "We, the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, speaking in behalf of the Negro people of America, and all fair-minded Americans, respectfully request that you embark on the following course of action:

(1) That imediate steps be taken to accept qualified Negroes into the framework of organized baseball;

(2) That the process by which players are graduated from Class C, B, A, and AA teams to positions on major league teams be applied without prejudice or discrimination to Negroes;

(3) That the same system by which players are selected from schools, sandlots, semi-pro and other clubs, be used in selecting colored players, and,

(4) That a joint statement be issued by this body declaring that Negroes are eligible for trials and permanent places on your respective teams."

Outlines How Next Steps Should Be Mapped Out

Now, as I see it, here are the next steps if the issue is to be followed through: one or more Negro ballplayers of ability and within the age requirements must be found immediately and groomed for tryouts and trial terms with any of the major league teams.

Such players naturally might come from the ranks of organized Negro baseball players like Impo Barnhill, the Cuban pitcher; Josh Gibson of the Homstead Grays, and Roy Campinella of the Baltimore Elite Giants.

Prospects might include Dolly King, the Long Island University all-around athlete, who is a better than average ball player, or other kids now in schol or playing semi-pro ball.

As I have constantly advocated, the major leagues will always be able to let "the matter rest" where it is so long as no actual steps are made by Negroes to force the issue.

In other words, there will always be a question of whether Childs Restaurant or Longchamps will serve a Negro so long as the Negro stands on the opposite corner from the place and writes letters to the man asking if he'll be served.

Negro players must first be turned down by the major leagues before the leagues can be officially condemned for discrimination, or for prejudice.

A step in this direction came back in 1939 or thereabouts when for the first time in recent years, two Negroes applied for tryouts with a major league team and were told nothing doing because the club owner wouldn't have Negroes playing with his club.

The two Negroes were Jackie Robinson, former University of California at Los Angeles, all-around athlete; and the pitching prospect, Nate Moreland of the Redlands (Calif.) University baseball team, who later came east to pitch a few games for either the Philadelphia Stars or the Baltimore Elites.

The team they wanted to try out for was the Chicago White Sox, and the manager who turned them down as a matter of policy of the Comiskey family which owns the American League entry, was Jimmy Dykes.

Opposition Expected from Negro Owners

In selecting players for this momentuous assignment, the situation becomes more cloudy with the fact that opposition is sure to be encountered from the redoubtable owners of the Negro teams in the Negro National and Negro American Leagues who right now are muttering about "we gotta protect our investments," meaning ball players they have under contract.

Denial of Negro owners of the right to squawk about their property would be both undemocratic and unfair. But here it is not a question of the big leagues stealing players from colored leagues; neither is it a question of whether Negro baseball will be endangered if some Negro baseball actually succeeds in getting into the big show.

Instead, it is a moral issue, one so clearly defined that people ought to be ashamed of their inability to see it. As such—a moral issue—no one has any rights that come ahead of the issue.

Jim Crow in baseball is as unfair, odious and un-American as Jim Crow on trains and buses; Jim Crow in the Army and Navy; Jim Crow in restaurants and hotels; Jim Crow in factories and business offices. To erase one, others must be erased afterward to make the slate entirely clean.

For [illegible] club owners to stand deliberately in the way of progress is as unthinkable as Negro newspapers advocating segregation. That is why I am so impatient with colored club owners like the one I talked to Friday after the Hotel Roosevelt meeting.

"We are built on segregation," he told me. "If there was no segregation, we wouldn't have colored ball clubs; we wouldn't make money, and we'd all probably be out of business."

To him I replied that if his attitude mirrored that of the other owners, then there was little hope for the Negro athlete in professional sports circles since baseball is about the only one, aside from boxing, wherein a living can be made.

I told him I would rather believe that Negro club owners were big on issues involving racial progress and that there were too many whites who would pay them off and well for such viewpoints and sentiments.

That is why it is so important that players be picked from some-ever make playing and groomed for spring training with the Dodgers, Giants, Yan-Mark it in your book that Dec. 3, 1943, was an important date in the fight to get justice and fair play for colored ballplayers. But let's make it more than that. Let's force Landis & Co. on the issue all the way.

Inter-Racial All-Star Eleven Nips New London Diesels By 13-0

New York, N. Y.

Mixed Team of Colored and White Players Pound Foe

For Upset Victory in Benefit Tilt at Polo Grounds

A surprisingly strong and coordinated Inter-Racial All-Star eleven scored a 13-0 upset over the highly touted and up to then undefeated New London Diesels of Connecticut, Sunday at the Polo Grounds in a charity game under the auspices of the Associated Football Charities. A crowd of 8,000 saw the mixed team of colored and white players pound out its triumph.

It was the first time that such a promotion featuring colored and white college stars against a pro team has been staged. Bob Douglas conceived the idea.

Coach Joe Fay of Tufts and line coach Brud Holland of Cornell came up with a fast charging line which blocked and took out opposing players with precision to stop the threat of such Diesel luminaries as the great Clark Hinkle, former all-time Green Bay Packer ace; Dave Austin, former North Carolina backfield whiz; Fred Mitchel, Connecticut's top backfield threat; and Esco Sarkkinen, Ohio State's famous end.

Teamwork Halts Pros

The Diesels, champions for the last three years of New England, and considered one of the most powerful pro aggregations outside the ranks of big league pro football, were halted time and again by the teamwork of Masa Ryan, Morgan college tackle; Sodie White, Talladega center; Frank Delligatti, big Waynesburg guard; Joe Bernard, Fordham guard; Dolly King, Long Island University end, and others.

First touchdown for the All-Stars came midway the first quarter on two plays with Joe Keller, white, big Roanoke end, going over from the one yard line. Just before the tally, Keller had rifled a pass good for 52 yards to John (Cash) Turner, former S. Carolina State back. Masa Ryan place-kicked the extra point.

Keller again was on the throwing end of a brilliant passing play in the third period on which the All-Stars scored. Keller's pitch landed in the outstretched paws of Ed Spots from the U. .S Coast Guard, a 77-yard heave, and Spots legged it across for the second All-Star touchdown. The Diesels were threatenening frequently, but alert All-Star forwards smothered such attempts. Fumbles also made the Diesels look less than smooth in light of the big buildup they had received before the game.

Auction Off $100 Shoes

Bill Robinson, Ralph Cooper, Commissioner Samuel Battle and others took over between halves and a pair of dancing shoes donated by the famous dancer were auctioned off netting $100 from Jimmy Briggs, proceeds going to the National War Fund, the Harlem-Riverside Committee of which Commissioner Battle heads. A half-minute of silence was observed in tribute to Lt. Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, former Syracuse star who gave his life in service of his country. Singh was the star of the 1941 All-Star-New York Yankee clash.

The lineups:

All-Stars (13)		(0) Diesels
Musa	L.E.	Perry
Delligatti	L.T.	Pudluski
Bernard	L.G.	Stevens
Burgess	C.	Langer
Mons	R.G.	Brennan
Ryan	R.T.	Olson
King	R.E.	Ugucinni
Mentalto	Q.B.	Mitchell
Turner	L.H.	Burian
Standley	R.H.	Austin
Simpson	F.B.	W. Kane

SCORE BY PERIODS

All-Stars	7	0	6	0—13
Diesels	0	0	0	0— 0

Touchdowns—Keller, Hicks. Point after touchdown—Ryan (placement).

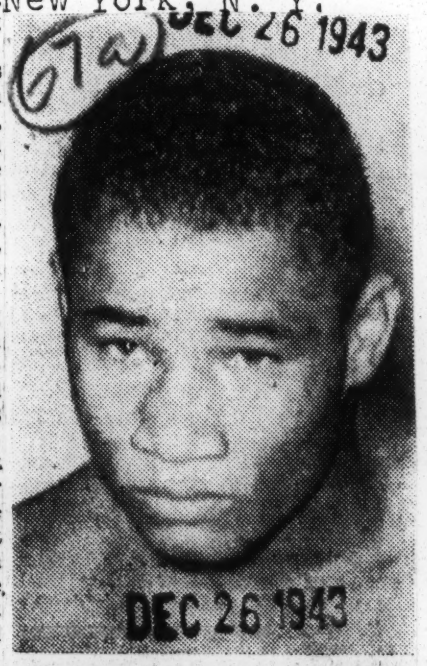
SUBSTITUTES

All-Stars — White, Mosby, Lynch, Kenner, Albanese, Cain, Boyd, Packard, Kelski, Wiley, Keller, Hicks, Merry, Aveosando, Peacock, Beavers.

Diesels — Hinkle, J. Kane, St. Peter, O'Grady, Wieczorek, Waterman, Fasana, Sarkkinen, McKenna, Eddy, Pointkowski.

Referee — P. E. Gunther, Pennsylvania. Umpire—Joseph Drew, Howard. Linesman — Albie Booth, Yale. Field judge—C. K.Wilson, N. Y. U. Time of periods—15 minutes.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.
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Beau Jack, who lost and then regained lightweight crown.

Date Set For Southern Conference Cage Meet

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Dec. 14.—The annual Southern Conference basketball tournament will be held in Logan Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., March 2, 3 and 4, 1944, it was announced here today by Cleve L. Abbott, chairman of the Tournament Committee. Other members of the committee are J. B. Bl[illegible], Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee; C. Johnson Dunn, Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, and R. S. Darnaby, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Negroes Being Considered as Big League Players by Meeting of Owners in N. Y.

Washington Tribune
DEC 4 - 1943
Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK.—The question of using Negro players in the major and minor leagues in organized baseball was under discussion here Friday as leaders of the sport met here at the Hotel New Yorker.

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the game's high commissioner, has put it on the agenda of the Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, now in session here. He will preside over a meeting to be attended by owners of each team in the American and National Leagues, the League presidents and a committee from the National Negro Publishers Association and other interested parties.

"I can, of course, say nothing prior to the meeting," Landis said today, "but I do reiterate what I said in June, 1942, that there is now, nor has there ever been, any baseball rule—written or unwritten prohibiting the use of Negro players in organized baseball.

'Healthy Step'

"This is the first time such a question has been brought into the open and I don't know what might come of it. I do know that the step is a healthy one and should clear the air for all concerned.

"You ask what I think should be done. The question is pertinent, but in my position I listen at such discussions and let the men who own the teams state their case. I can't say where I stand—one way or the other—because the owners then could come to the meeting with minds made up, for or against."

Landis said that the committee to be heard is formed of four men but it is understood that various other leaders—Negro and white alike—will attend, such as Paul Robeson, a couple of City Councilmen, some labor leaders and the Rev. Raymond J. Campion, white pastor of St. Peter Claver's Church, Brooklyn's largest Negro parish.

Judge Landis said that in the last few weeks he has been contacted by people in many walks of life on the question of the Negro player and the national game. He said he told all of them what he said two years ago about there being no rule against it and formulated plans for this hearing.

Unwritten Law

Nobody's kidding anyone, though, that an unwritten law doesn't exist. It certainly does. There have been many arguments why the Negro couldn't play in the majors and minors, such as Jim Crow conditions that exist in the type of hotels teams stop at, the fact the teams train in the South and many others. The war eliminated Southern training when travel was curtailed, so that argument goes phooey. The amount of money paid by major league clubs to hotels in major league cities—and minor league, too—isn't hay and you can bet that the ball clubs could write their own tickets about who's staying where and when.

Then there has been the saw that there really isn't much talent among Negro players. Maybe there is and maybe there isn't. The big thing is that such talent never got the chance to show it. This meeting is aimed in that direction: putting it once and for all—and officially—in the laps of the owners of the great American game.

Richard Cohen Is Negro Net Champ

Richard Cohen, of New Jersey, PM
formerly of Georgetown, is wearing the New York State Negro Open tennis crown today as a result of his smashing triumph over Maurice Jackson of Washington, 6–1, 6–3, 6–4, at the Cosmopolitan Tennis Club yesterday. The women's title went to Dorothy Morgan of Washington, who trounced Edith North of New York, 6–2, 6–2.

Jackson and Miss Morgan later teamed to take the mixed doubles crown by downing William Jones of Baltimore and Cleo Grovesnor of New York, 7–5, 6–2. The veteran singles diadem was won by Dr. J. B. Garrett of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., by his 6–3, 6–1 win over Harvey Burke of Jersey City. Althea Gibson of New York de-

In South Dakota



S-Sgt. Alexander Shepard, of Nutley, N. J., former All-American football star at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, and now a physical training instructor at the Army Air Forces Training Command Radio School, Sioux Falls, S. D., was selected as "Athlete of the Week" on October 29, by the Polar Tech, Post newspaper. Shepard is assigned to the aviation squadron, and it is his job to keep his men in tip-top physical condition. His drills his squadron in hour-long calisthenics, in addition to coaching the baseball, softball football and basketball teams. Sgt. Shepard, who played guard, was one of the main cogs of the great Morris Brown eleven that trounced Wilberforce University, 19-3, in the Birmingham, Ala., Steel Bowl, in 1940.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Skating Rink Adapts New Racial Policy

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(ANP)—Racial discrimination against colored patrons at the skating rink in Harriett Island park ended last week when Macedonia Littlejohn, chairman of the legal redress committee of the NAACP sent a letter of protest to Fred M. Truax, commissioner of parks and playgrounds of St. Paul.

Littlejohn reminded the commissioner of the fact that colored persons are citizens and taxpayers, and that they have certain constitutional rights; he demanded that immediate steps be taken to end all discriminatory practices at the park.

In answer to the protest Commissioner Truax wrote: "I am glad to advise that your request has been complied with."

Upon recent investigation, Littlejohn observed that colored and white are now skating on the rink harmoniously.

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Chicago Trib
Chicago, Ill



Julius Franks (left) Michigan's great guard, takes his practice drills as seriously as tho it were the evening of Aug. 25, when the All-Stars meet the Washington Redskins in Dyche stadium. Here he scoops up a high bounding loose ball and pr[illegible] to make progress. At right Ray Ebli, Notre Dame end, greets Steve Filipowicz, Fordham full back, now a marine at Parris Island training base.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Sports of the Times

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By ARTHUR DALEY

Short Shots in Sundry Directions

IT has become certain now that the major leagues will send a couple of teams abroad to entertain the men overseas at the conclusion of the world series between the Yankees and the Cardinals. Or is there a skeptic in the house who doesn't concede that those two will [illegible] the post-season classics?

Judge Landis has taken a sound stand in stating that there is no need for the world series' contenders to supply the troupe of travelers. To single them out would be putting a small segment of the two leagues on the spot. Far better is the proposed plan of recruiting the players by the volunteer method. That still leaves the way open for the Yanks and Cards to join in the festivities if they can and will. But they would go as individuals and not as teams.

Very often in the past, junkets abroad found many of the diamond heroes ducking from under for one reason or another. Judging by conversation around the ball parks of recent days, however, the Commissioner is going to find that the vast majority of the athletes [illegible] eager to make the trip.

No Ball Boys Need Apply

Joe McCarthy, the strong, silent one, even went so far as to permit himself to be quoted to the effect that he'd be delighted to shepherd one batch of performers. Frank Frisch expressed his willingness to go overseas even if he had to serve as clubhouse boy.

The feeling in this corner is that the judge will have no trouble in rounding out two full teams. In fact, there is a suspicion that he may wind up with enough men to send several groups of tourists off in different directions. The sports-starved troops will devour every bit of it.

In far more quiet fashion than they like, the national tennis championships sneak up on us this week for an abbreviated tournament at Forest Hills, starting Wednesday. The abbreviation has no effect on the caliber of play. By confining each field to a selected thirty-two the tennis fathers merely have eliminated a series of love sets which used to decorate the first few days of competition.

The big gun of the show is [illegible]olorful Pancho Segura, the two-fisted Ecuadorian, who has won every tournament he has entered this season. Pancho's creed is: "I like to play tough guys." He may find more tough guys than he bargained for among Ted Schroeder, Frankie Parker, John Kramer, Joe Hunt and the other men in service. Each of them will make a strenuous effort to ruin our Good Neighbor policy by bowling over the South American. But Pancho is a pretty tough guy himself. This may prove the most interesting championship in many years.

It was a relief to learn that Hammering Hennery Armstrong has retired from the ring. Every boxing fan who remembers him at the peak of his powers fervently hopes he means it, particularly after he acted as an animated punching bag for Ray Robinson last week. Sugar Ray was so gentle with his one-time idol that Armstrong went the full di[illegible] It looked to the yawning spectators as though Robinson could have ended a dreary fight any moment he wanted to. The most devastating punch Hennery landed was a vicious right-cross to Robinson's left elbow. That's how bad it was.



SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

By Joel W. Hayden

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

John Sengstacke, Ira F. Lewis, and Howard Murphy, spokesmen for the Negro Publishers Association, Paul Robeson, internationally known baritone, and Father Raymond Campion, priest in Brooklyn's largest Negro diocese are to be commended for bringing the matter of the discriminatory practices of organized baseball aganist sepia players before Judge Landis, league heads and club owners. According to press reports, the Publishers submitted a four point program, requesting:

1. That immediate steps be taken to accept qualified Negoes in the framework of organized baseball.

on your respective teams.

Paul Robeson, likewise, made a stong appeal to the body, pointing out his personal experiences as an athlete at Rutgers and as a professional football players. "I think the time is right now for the forward step," Robeson is reported to have said.

JUDGE LANDIS "PASSES THE BALL"

Judge Landis' reaction was a typical one. The type frequently reported to when one is "cornered," namely to seek the easiest way out. So the baseball czar merely tossed the matter over to the club owners by saying that, there was no law, written or unwritten against the paticipation of Negroes in organized baseball. While this statement by the commissioner is significant in bringing the matter out in the open, it may be meaningless it actual results. The truth is, practices and policies are frequently more power-

2. That the process by which players are graduated from Class C, B, A, and AA teams to the majors be applied, without prejudice or discrimination, to Negroes.
3. That the same system by which players are selected from schools, sandlots, semi-pro and other clubs be used in selecting colored players.
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ful than laws. In some sections of the country, it is unnecessary to pass laws to keep Negroes out of certain highly skilled jobs, if the desired results can be accomplished by the maneuvers of labor groups or the collusion of employers. Accordingly, since there is no law against the participation of Negroes in organized baseball, one may reasonably assume that the fact that they have been barred has been due to the policies and practices of the major leagues. Unfortunately, following the appeal by the Publishers and the noted singer, the leaders were silent. Neither the league leaders nor club owners were bold enough to "break the ice."

"PM" TAKES LEAD AMONG METROPOLIT PAPERS

While very little comment regarding the visit of the Publishers to the annual baseball meeting was carried in the metropolitan dailies, "PM" blazed the way with a fine column by Joe Cummiskey. In addition to giving wide coverage to the matter, Commiskey added that he had hoped that the baseball officials would act on the fourth point in the Publishers resolution. The Chicago Tribune's coverage was limited to a short paragraph. The Sporting News, the baseball paper of the world devoted only three paragraphs to the plea made by the group to the baseball magnates and Judge Landis, but carried a fine picture of the delegation. This is mentioned because the press can go a long ways in bringing this matter into the limelight, and in moulding public sentiment in favor of the sepia players.

BAN ON COLORED PLAYERS JUST ANOTHER INCONSISTENCY DEC 12 1943

There is no real basis for the ban on colored players in organized baseball. It is just another of hundreds of the inconsistencies characteristic of our American democracy. Look at the many glaring comparisons in sports. Since the days of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, there has been no "color line" in boxing. There are innumerable instances of Negroes playing on mixed football teams at Michigan, Ohio State, Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern, Colgate, UCLA, NYU, Cornell and other institutions. The same is true of basketball. All of these sports call for considerable bodily contact. There is little contact in baseball, and what is more, the same fans who were thrilled by the performances of Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, Brud Holland, Kenny Washington, Dolly King and Ray Robinson will rave over the sensational playing of men of the calibre of Satchell Paige and Josh Gibson.

GLOBETROTTERS UNIMPRESSIVE

In their first appearance in the Gate City, the Harlem Globetrotters were decidedly unimpressive. The team was good with three excellnt shots in the lineup, but lacked the traditional color of a first-rate profesional outfit. This of course may be attributed to the fact that only one of the original stars that performed on the 1940 world champion quintet was in the lineup. Then too, it is quite possible that writer, like many of the fans, expected to see a little more razzle-dazzle, fancy passing and clever floorwork. It was evident, however, that the game was entirely too rough, and the pros were without a doubt "poor sports." On the other hand, the All-Stars played a fine game, extending the Globetrotters to the limit.

Bivins Meets Louis, Hears 'Duration Champ' Nomination

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Post
Washington, D. C.



DURATION DIADEM is presented Jimmy Bivins by one Sergt. Joe Louis Barrow, who is best known as Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world. Louis chose Bivins as the best of the present crop of heavies and handed the Cleveland Negro the crown here yesterday, but warned Bivins it was for the duration only. After the war, Joe said, he may return to the ring and if he meets Bivins it may be a different story

Cleveland Boy, Who'll Fight Here, Is Told He 'Can Go a Long Way'

Jimmy Bivins, sensational Cleveland 178 pounder whom Joe Louis nominated as the "duration champion," heard it officially from the "Brown Bomber" in person yesterday as Bivins reported here to resume training for his 20-round bout Tuesday night at Griffith Stadium with Herbert Marshall of New York.

Louis, temporarily stationed at Fort George G. Meade before swinging out on a Nation-wide tour of Army camps where he will box in exhibitions, presented Bivins with a "duration crown" for the benefit of photographers and told the Cleveland youngster, "I've seen you fight. You're the best around now. You can go a long way if you have a mind to, boy. Just keep in shape and fight a lot."

Bivins Thrilled at Meeting

Bivins, who never had been closer to Louis than a ringside seat when Joe fought Abe Simon, was obviously tickled at meeting his idol. Bivins, incidentally, almost missed Joe completely. His train, which was due to arrive at 7:40 a. m. was nearly three hours late and Louis, who had spent the night here, had returned to Fort Meade after waiting until after 10 a. m. A special car dispatched to Meade brought Louis back after he had finished his daily chores for the Army.

Bivins later repaired to Goldie Ahearn's new gym, 419 9th st. nw., and sparred with Teddy Wint, a better-than-average heavyweight in his fighting days. He impressed an overflow audience of several hundred with his footwork and punching power. Marshall previously had entertained the crowd by going through his paces, boxing with Tee Hubert, one of Sam (The Mumbler) Angelo's charges.

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Lightweight Title Clash Off to Oct. 4

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New York, N. Y.

By MILTON MILLER

That old saying, it never rains but it pours, is tailormade for Promoter Mike Jacobs right now.

Uncle Mike had just about recovered from the miserable showing made by Henry Armstrong and Corp. Ray Robinson in the Garden almost two weeks ago when a more severe jolt came his way yesterday. This one struck where it hurts most—in the cashbox.

PM



Montgomery

With a tremendous advance sale giving all indications of a $100,000 gate, Mike was forced to call off the lightweight championship bout between Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack scheduled for the Garden Friday night.

Substitute Card

However, the fight fans will not be let down Friday night. A substitute card featuring Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson and Sal Bartolo and Vinnie Vines and Fritzie Zivic in a double wind-up has been arranged by Jacobs and his matchmaker, Nat Rogers. The prices haven't been announced, either, but probably will be a $5.75 top.

Holders of the Montgomery-Jack ducats can either get their money back or exchange them for the new title bout date.

Monty Loses Tooth

Monty, the champ, had been suffering from an impacted wisdom tooth, losing much sleep for the past three days. He also was unable to take regular gym drills. However, the tooth was extracted yesterday and it is expected the champ would be able to resume training in two or three days.

The new date for the title clash is Oct. 4, the date which Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, literally squeezed into the

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The Atlanta League All-Stars knocked down the Nashville Crawfords with a four-run rally in the eighth. Hurler "Lefty" Eatman had easy going in the nightcap and coasted to a 11-2 victory. Batteries, Cain and Jenkins, Hudwood Sunday, 11-8 and 11-2. The Nashville team won the Negro in through with superb support from Eatmon and Barnes.

Crawfords, 11-8, 11-2

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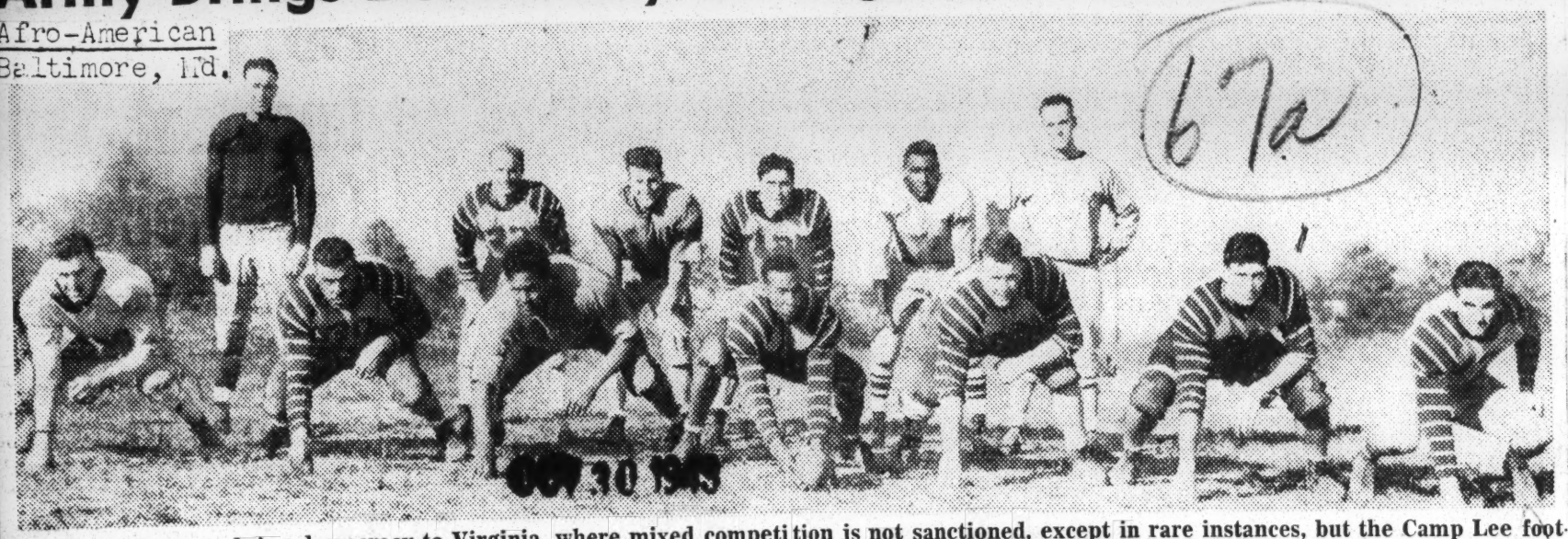
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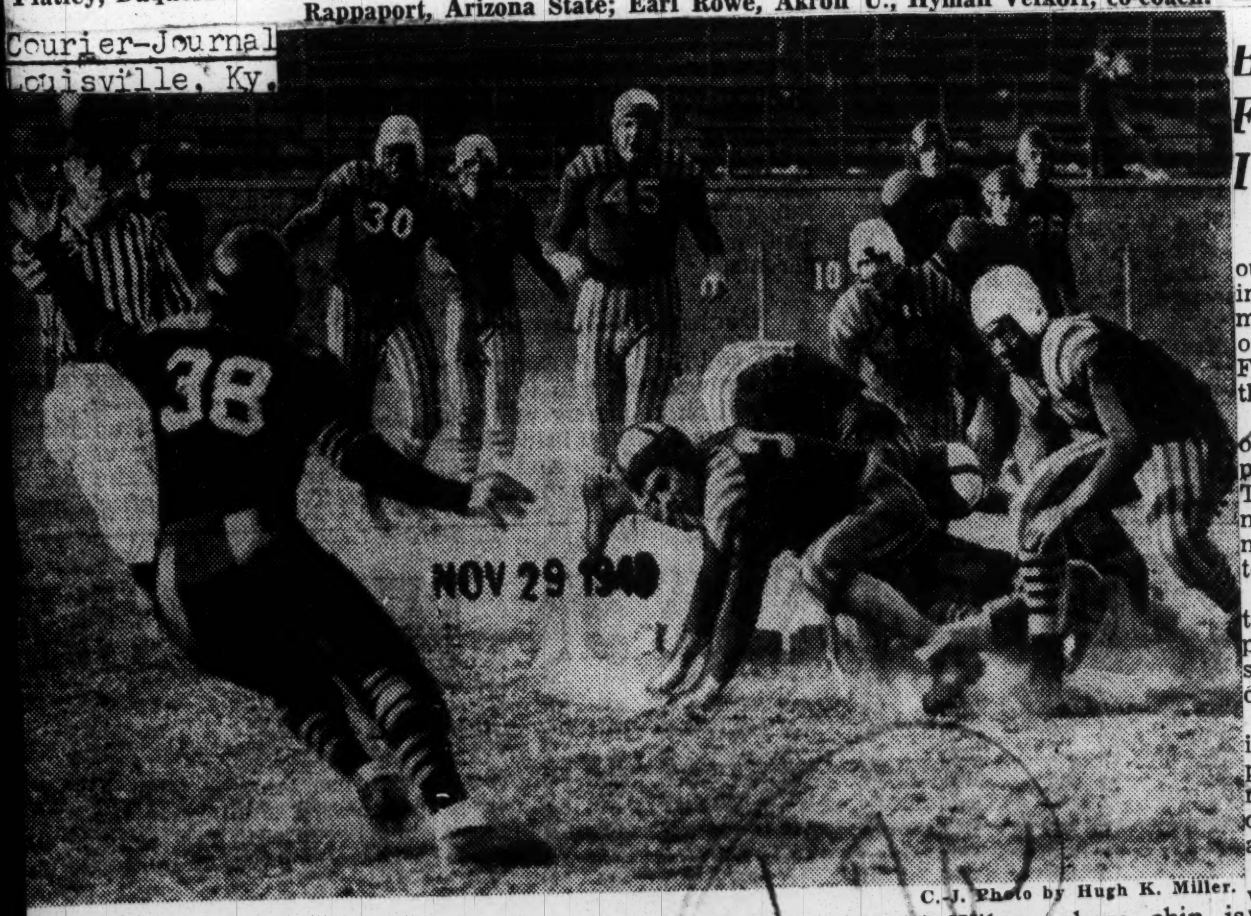
Army Brings Democracy to Virginia on Mixed Grid Team

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.



It took the Army to bring democracy to Virginia, where mixed competition is not sanctioned, except in rare instances, but the Camp Lee football team knows no distinction. Shown above is the starting lineup. Tackle to tackle, Alex Peterson, Oregon; Albert House, Harrisburg (Pa.) Trojans; Howard Gentry, Florida A. and M.; David Hood, Ala. A. and M.; Robert Lin[illegible]erger, Minnesota; Jay Fidler, Brown; John Flatley, Duquesne. Backs, left to right: Co-coach Warren Casey, Harvard; Perry Walvogel, Miss. Southern; Elmer McPherson, UCLA; Louis Rappaport, Arizona State; Earl Rowe, Akron U.; Hyman Velkoff, co-coach. —USASC photo.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.



C.-J. Photo by Hugh K. Miller.

THE PLAY THAT WRECKED THE ENGINEERS — David Wiley, whose chin is hidden in that cloud of dust, has just tossed a wild lateral to George Langford, No. 38. Golden Dace, with one knee and both fists on the ground, scrambled up in time to recover [illegible] for Bowman Field on the Campbell 14-yard line. The play set up Bowman's first touchdown. That No. 30 in the background is Fritz Moody, who later scored for Bowman Field on a 91-yard run with an intercepted pass.

Bowman Field Triumphs 13-0

220th Armored Engineers Blasted By Alert Bombers

By KEN TAYLOR, Assistant Sports Editor.

To a smart team, it only has to happen once.

Bowman Field's Bombers got themselves a lead over the 220th Armored Engineers of Camp Campbell yesterday afternoon, but did no idling and thus won their final game of the season 13-0.

A week ago, the Bombers gained a 9-0 lead on Wright Field and then figured they could ease off a little. They were mistaken. Wright Field won 12-9, scoring twice in the final 8 minutes.

The Bombers yesterday looked like a football team, playing alert football and utilizing the power and the ability of the individual players.

EXCITEMENT

The 3,500 faithful in duPont Stadium were provided the excitement they paid their money to see. They watched the Bombers capitalize on their first unexpected opportunity and they saw one of their favorite competitors, Fritz Moody, big Negro end, outfoot the Engineers for 91 yards and a touchdown on an intercepted pass.

They also saw the Bombers make a long drive goalward only to be stopped by a stiffened Camp[illegible] the center. One play was for no loss of [illegible] for a gain of perfect[illegible] for the their own 37 and with the help gineers had taken the ball on Kennedy and of 38 and 17-yard runs by Langdy for it. He[illegible]ford worked the ball down to the for the touch-6. A flat pass on fourth down cked the extra was a mistake. Moody snagged the ball on the 8 and got-footed ently ha[illegible] dthe[illegible]it west[illegible] touchdown in a couple of whom Engineers, touched him—but just fleetingly.

The first period was all in favor of the Engineers. They opened up on the Bombers and were on the 19 before Bowman Field stopped the march.

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Constitution
Benning Negro
Atlanta, Georgia

Fans 40 Batters In 24 Hours

Calling all baseball pitchers!

Want to know how to strike out 49 batters in 23 innings within 24 hours? Just ask Roy Welmaker, crack southpaw of the colored Reception Center nine at Fort Benning, because he did just that recently.

Starting Saturday night at 7 o'clock in a league game at the post against the Infantry School Truck Regiment, Welmaker fanned 19 batsmen as he went the nine-inning route to down his team to victory.

The next day the Reception Center nine traveled to Atlanta for a pair of games with the Sunshine stars. Welmaker this time struck out 20 in nine innings.

Then to complete his amazing iron man stunt, the clever southpaw hurled five innings of the nightcap which ended in a 2-2 deadlock and whiffed ten in that abbreviated tilt.

Total strikeouts for 23 innings were 49—and all within 24 hours. Welmaker isn't exactly a novice at the art of throwing curve balls, having previously pitched for the Atlanta Black Crackers, Macon Peaches, Philadelphia Stars and Homestead Grays, prior to his induction into the Army.

Armstrong to Keep Date With White

Washington, D. C. Post.

New York, Aug. 31 (AP).—George Henry Armstrong, 15 Moore, manager of the former triple plan to retire from the ring immediately and will engage in one more bout, meeting Sugar White in Los Angeles September 18.

Armstrong, decisively defeated by Ray Robinson here last Friday night, had announced he was through fighting, but Moore said that inasmuch as the contract for the White bout already had been signed and the promoter had gone to considerable expense, Henry has agreed to go through with it.

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Point After Touchdown—Bible (placement).

Officials—Herb Gruber, Freddie Koster, Reed Miller, Polly Kraesig.
Time of Periods—First and third, 15 minutes; second and fourth, 12 minutes.

3 YARDS TO GO

With four downs to make 3 yards, the Bombers threw three plays into the center of the line, all the time drawing it tighter at the center. One play was for no gain, the second for the yard and the third for a yard.

The set-up was perfect for a clincher play. And they say the line were ready to drive off tackle, for the down and Bible kicked the point.

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FINALISTS IN C. Y. O. RING TOURNAMENT

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois



These are the boys who fought their way to the finals in the open division of the 13th annual Catholic Youth organization tournament which will be held Wednesday night in Ashland auditorium. Left to right, front row: Sam Washington, 147 pounds; Jackie Boyd, 112 pounds; Andy Wrobleski, 118 pounds; Al Nero, 126 pounds; Jim Sarenella, 112 pounds; Abe Lee, 135 pounds, and Lloyd Watts, 126 pounds. Standing, left to right: Coach Dick Fitzpatrick; Louis Kick, 126 pounds; Tim Dalton, 135 pounds; Al Prislinger, 147 pounds; Willie Wi[illegible] 175 pounds; Eddie Kaminski, heavyweight; Charles Kucharz, 175 pounds, and Collins Brown, 160 pounds.

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ARMSTRONG BEATS SILVA

Outpoints Rival Over 10-Round Route in Spokane Ring

New York, N. Y.
Times

SPOKANE, Aug. 15 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, meeting in Joey Silva a carbon copy of his fighting style, had trouble solving the flurry of close-up punches but managed to outpoint the stocky little Mexican in ten rounds last night. Armstrong weighed 140, Silva 145.

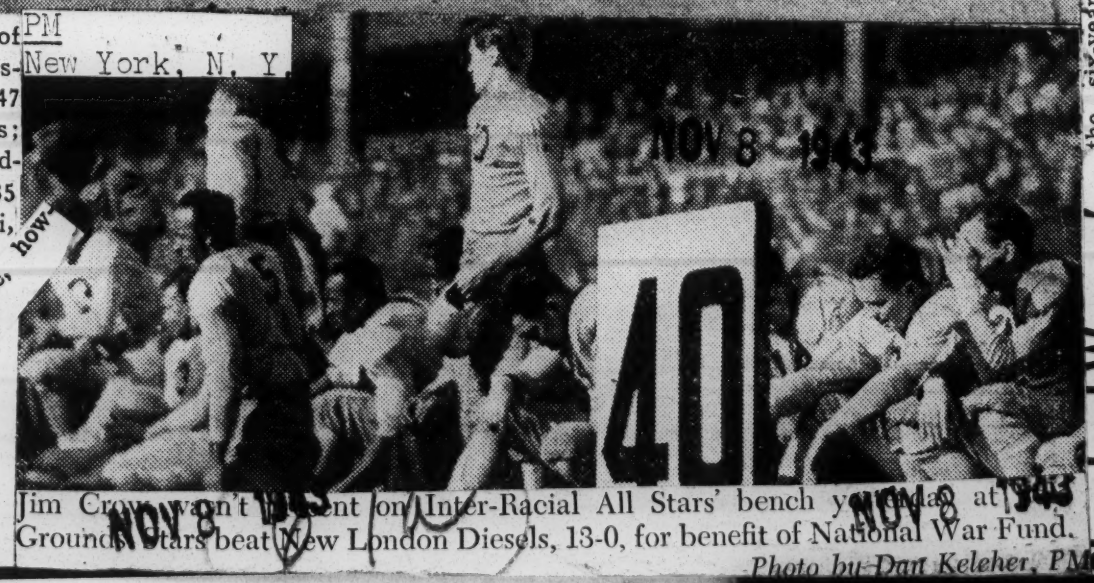
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The Associated Press score card gave Armstrong seven rounds, with three even.

They fought head to head all the way, disappointing a crowd of just over 10,000, largest in the history of Spokane boxing.

The fans, looking for [illegible] excitement after a five-year fight drought, found no thrills in the close jabbing. The battle, however, never was slow.

PM
New York, N. Y.



Jim Crow wasn't present on Inter-Racial All Stars' bench yesterday at [illegible] Ground. Stars beat New London Diesels, 13-0, for benefit of National War Fund.
Photo by Dan Keleher, PM

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Cleveland Women's Athletic Club Wins

News

Over Tuskegee Team

Birmingham, Ala.

CLEVELAND (AP)—[illegible] Walsh ended her [illegible] Athletic Club of Cleveland ended the six-year reign of Tuskegee Institute at the women's National A. A. U. track and field championships Sunday. The Cleveland Athletes compiled 87 1-6 points to win the meet and the Alabama aggregation finished in the place position with 77½ points.

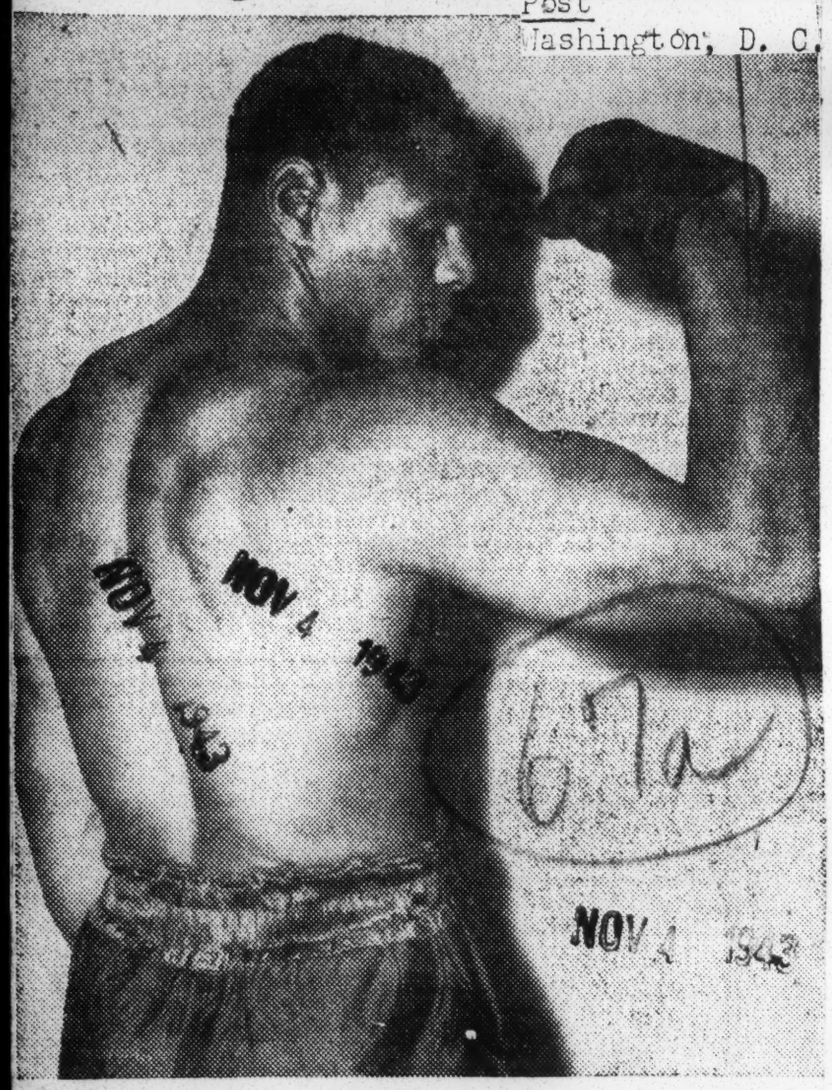
Miss Walsh led the Cleveland sextet to victory in the 100-meter dash. Miss Walsh also tied the women's American record in the 100-meter dash. Coachman, the Tuskegee Alice defending 100-meter champ staged a heated battle with Walsh. The competitors neck and neck toward the tape together only a last second spurt by the speedster gave her the Miss Walsh's time of 11.6 seconds tied the women's American which Helen Stephens, of Kansas City in 1935, and repeated at New York in September of the same year.

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A 'Right' Good Chance

Post
Washington, D. C.



Soldier Al Hart, 227-pound Army War College soldier, tests the muscles on the right hand he hopes will slow up Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia heavyweight, when they go to war tomorrow night at Uline Arena. Dorazio won a 10 round decision last time and is 8 to 5 to repeat despite the fact this time they will go 12 rounds. Dorazio tired badly in the final three rounds in their last meeting, but won, thanks to an early advantage.

The LOW DOWN

Much Ado Over Ray-Henry Fite; About A's, Fuzzy, Fund Drive

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

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It was like the good olden days at Mike Jacobs' offices yesterday in the Brill Building as [illegible]ght writers, managers, fighters, trainers, hangers-on and what have you were milling around buzzing excitedly about the "big fight" tomorrow night.

Familiar faces bobbed in and out constantly and there was a steady stream of ticket purchasers standing on long lines begging to have their $16.50 taken in exchange for a ringside ducat.

Meanwhile, up at Stillman's Gym and at Fred Irvin's Gym Henry Armstrong and Ray Robinson were in the last laps of their training grind. Ray is really training for this fight—his first in a long while. Henry has been taking it somewhat easy for he has had three ten-round battles in the past four weeks and that is enough to keep anybody in condition.

The fight is causing more excitement than any other bout in the last year or so. This is the one fight fans have been looking forward to for a long while and now that it is finally here all the talk has taken on an added fervor. It is needless to say that Henry and Ray are the two greatest little fighters to come up in the last twenty or so years. Henry's greatness, of course, is not questioned by anyone (not even Joe "I wanna be a Pegler" Williams). His feat of winning the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles within the space of one year has already gone [illegible]tic history as a super-miraculous achievement.

Ray, while never having won a title, is still regarded as a true ring great. The tall, skinny, cocky Harlem kid has everything. Speed (blinding speed), savvy, guts, boxing ability and devastating punching power has made him a sheer terror in the ring. Here is, indeed, the small edition of Joe Louis.

Well, now the big fight is only a matter of hours. It is unfortunate that these two brilliant fighters could not have met when they were both in their prime—but even this bout, uneven as it is in regard to the ages of the fighters, is better than nothing and therefore the great excitement.

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Those Pitiful A's

Just in case you missed it, the Philly A's finally won a ball game the other day, Tuesday, and thereby broke their losing streak at 20 games, tying the all-time major league losing skein. . . . It is a pitiful ball club the venerable Connie Mack has been feeding the good citizens of the City of Brotherly Love. . . . I venture to say that almost any team in the Negro National League could do better in the American League than this alleged club Mack has been foisting on the fans. . . . But yet the team need not be as bad as it is. . . . Just a little, smart, decent, democratic move would make of them a team worthy of the majors. You know what we mean. We mean the signing of Negro stars. . . . Meanwhile we hope the A's go right on losing games and play before a han[illegible]y day. Perhaps a fifty thousand buck deficit at the season's end will snap Mr. Mack back to his senses. . . . After all, the guy can't live forever on laurels won at the turn of the century. . . . Or can he?

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Fuzzy Levane in Coast Guard, Playing Baseball!

Treason, that's what it is, treason. Fuzzy Levane, St. John's all-American basketball star, is playing **baseball** with his Coast Guard team. . . . If Fuzzy is half as good on the diamond as he is on the court his team should be one of the better service clubs in the land.

Incidentally, our report last winter that Fuzzy was a member of the IWO, has been proven not in accordance with the facts. . . . Fuzzy is not an IWO'er so the proud members of that organization may as well stop puffing out their chests. . . .

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In Which We Go on the Radio—Coast to Coast

Writing sports behind the quiet and seclusion of your typewriter is easy enough—but getting in front of a microphone and giving out with the tongue is something else again and frankly, we are slightly nervous over our first radio broadcast which we will be making tonight over the coast-to-coast Mutual network. . . . The occasion is the weekly sport program, "Fight Night" and on it we will be interviewing Henry Armstrong. . . . We've read the script twice already and are still not sure we will not get it all balled up. . . . If we do we will never again leave our seat at the typewriter. . . . Time is 9:15 P.M. on Mutual in case some of you folks would like to catch ye Daily Worker sports writer gabbing with Henry Armstrong. . . .

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Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong and Beau Jack.

Remarking about th[illegible]out this Friday's fight between Corporal Ray and Hammering Henry [illegible]s[illegible]hat some people are worried lest Armstrong takes a [illegible]Says the foul-mouthed columnist:

"We believe such fears are misplaced. In saying this we have in mind old Henry's appearance against Beau Jack, another young opponent. Jack was mighty careful not to muss old Henry up much. He made the action look brisk but was meticulous in not making it too vio[illegible]o violent. It is reasonable to assume Robinson will show old Henry an equal amount of consideration. Robinson is a corporal in the a[illegible]ry an equal amount of consideration. Robinson Louis on his tour of the army now and is due to accompany Sgt. Joe 'immediately,' but Lo[illegible]r of the camps. The tour was to have started weeks for training. [illegible]ut Louis discovered he needed two additional Jacobs found he could[illegible]ng. By the merest coincidence Promotor Mike could use Robinson in the Garden windup."

And exactly what is[illegible]hat is Williams saying in his usual, back-handed, meaty-mouthed manner?

1—That Beau Jack [illegible]Jack was letting Armstrong stay with him in their bout of several months[illegible]nths ago.

2—That Ray Bobinso[illegible]obinson will likewise coast along with Henry,

3—That Sgt. Joe Lo[illegible]oe Louis requested two weeks of training prior to his boxing exhibitions a[illegible]ons at army camps here and abroad only because it would then allow Mik[illegible]w Mike Jacobs to go through with the Armstrong-Robinson bout.

Joe Williams, you're a vicious liar on all counts.

Every decent, ope[illegible], open-minded fight fan who saw the Beau Jack-Armstrong battle walked out of the Garden convinced of but

Fund Drive Stuff

A letter from Philly has this [illegible]

'Dear Nat Low:

"This dollar shows in a very tiny way how much I enjoyed your recent column on the NMU picket line around Westbrook Pegler. . . . From Another Who Hates Fascism. . . ."

The dollar boost[illegible]our drive total to a neat 81 bucks and we have quite a few more bucks coming in . . . $100 by Labor Day is our goal. . . Keep 'em coming. . . .

In This CORNER

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

=By BILL MARDO

Poison-Pen Joe Williams Spits More Venom

Joe Williams, Pegler's poison-pen prototype of the sports world, was at it again yesterday. Just a short, 15-line item in his column was all that Williams required to sneakily snipe at the four greatest fighters of our day—

one thing. Namely, that they had just witnessed a spirited, thrill-laden fight between the two great fighters—with no punches pulled. And those same democratic fans excitedly discussed for days after some of the highlights [illegible] setto. . . . The million-and-one right uppercuts that young Beau Jack drove home against Armstrong's jaw—and the amazing way Henry stood up under all that punishment. . . . That never-to-be-forgotten ninth round when Armstrong drew a deep breath, tore out of his corner like a bullet and subjected Beau Jack to three minutes of the severest body beating barrage the kid had ever taken.

Joe Williams, only a man with your twisted, Negro-baiting perspective could call the Armstrong-Jack fight a phony.

You say that Ray Robinson will "show old Henry an equal amount of consideration." The only consideration Armstrong will receive from Robinson will be the respect Henry warrants. The respect due him as a result of his great past—the respect any fighter will have for an opponent who has scored the greatest comeback in ring history. In short, Ray Robinson will answer the bell this Friday night with one thought uppermost in his mind—to win that fight . . . as fast as he can.

Yes, Joe Williams. Ray WILL show "consideration" for Armstrong. Consideration for the dynamite he still packs in his powerful right hand.

As to your intimation about Joe Louis "suddenly discovering" he needed two additional weeks for training only because he didn't want to upset Mike Jacobs' box office applecart—well, that is about the crawliest crack any writer could make against the greatest fighter in history, and a man admired the world over.

But the crawliest cracks ARE to be expected from the likes of you.

Mike Jacobs has been trying to close an Armstrong-Robinson bout ever since it was proven to the satisfaction of all concerned that Henry Armstrong wasn't another washed-up great chancing a fatal injury with his comeback campaign. Mike Jacobs has been trying to close an Armstrong-Robinson bout for a long while previous to Robinson's army induction. And the only reason he was successful in making the match this time was because Robbie, too, has been convinced that Mr. Henry Armstrong is still one hell of a scrapper and nobody's cinch.

And listen, Williams. Sgt. Joe Louis requested a two-week training period for the same reason every fighter prepares prior to a bout. Joe Louis plans to put the same honest effort into his exhibitions that he displayed in his long and brilliant career as the most masterful heavyweight of all time. Joe Louis wants to be at his best for his buddies the world over. . . . Joe Louis takes deep pride in his fighting ability—and when he steps into the ring against George Nicholson, he wants to be just as sharp and fast as he possibly ca[illegible]

But you wouldn't understand that, would you Williams? You're incapable of understanding anything decent, honest and loyal. You're incapable of understanding anything that doesn't have an "angle" to it—that isn't a "racket."

That's why you're Joe Williams and Joe Louis is Joe Louis.

Let the people take their pick.

Henry Expected It!

Signed Several Days Ago To Second Hudson In Baltimore; Figured He Was Through

Birmingham Post Birmingham, Alabama

By LESTER BROMBERG

NEW YORK, Aug 23.—Henry Armstrong's retirement obviously was prearranged, since he signed a contract several days ago to second Cecil Hudson, his welterweight protege, against Jackie Cooper at Baltimore on Sept. 13. This makes it clear that Henry had no intention of going through with the contract Manager George Moore signed for him to box Slugger White Sept. 18 at Los Angeles.

Armstrong will campaign around the East as a manager and expects to expand his stable, which now consists of Gene Johnson, a local lightweight and Hudson, whose slam-banging pleased in the Garden semifinal last Friday night. He licked Izzy Jannazzo in a tough six-rounder.

Pete Riley has Cleo Shans facing Joe Torres tonight at MacArthur Stadium. . . . Vinnie Vines, subbing for Sonny Horne against Pvt. Marvin Bryant tonight at Queensbore Arena. . . . Rad Dory, who drew with Al Davis, fights Jerry Fiorello Thursday at Fort Hamilton.

Jack Hurley, whose Billy Petroelle never will be forgotten, is in town with Nate Bolden. . . . Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack will be at the State Athletic Commission today to sign for their 15-round lightweight title fight Sept. 10 at the Garden. . . . George Gainford will make a bid for the contract of Ike Williams, Negro lightweight puncher.

Herb Marshall Works Out at Ahearn's Gym

Post
Washington, D. C.

By [illegible] Litchfield

Post Staff Writer

With dubious pomp and doubtful ceremony, Promoter Goldie Ahearn opened his new gymnasium at 419 9th st. nw., yesterday as Herbert Marshall, New York heavyweight, started local training for his 10-round bout Monday night at Griffith Stadium with Jimmy Bivins, sensational Cleveland scrapper who is unofficially recognized as the duration heavyweight champion now that Joe Louis is wearing khaki.

"Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, former lightheavyweight champion and now a big-time movie star and booby trap ((night club to you) operator; Sammy Lewis, well known stage and radio star and brother of Goldie Ahearn, and little round man Al "Weskit" Weill, manager of Marshall, headed the list of out-of-town celebrities. Rosenbloom and Lewis, who have been entertaining at Army camps throughout the country, also performed at Walter Reed Hospital yesterday.

Rosenbloom clowned through several rounds with Marshall before leaving for Walter Reed. Marshall went through his daily strenuous routine of sparring, shadow-boxing and punching heavy and light bags.

Ahearn also yesterday announced a first-rate 10-round semi-final to the Bivins-Marshall feature which brings together Harry Jaffra, former bantam and featherweight champion, of Baltimore, and Billy Banks, local hard-hitting Negro featherweight. Ahearn said the winner of this bout will be offered a shot at Lew Hanbury, who plans an early comeback since his cut eye, which forced him to bow to Jackie Wilson via the t. k. o. route last June, is almost completely healed.

Bivins, Ahearn said, is expected here tomorrow in time to work out.

Defeat by Ruffin Won't Halt Beau Jack's Title Bout with Monty; Had Injured Knee

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

By JOE CLARKE
AFRO Staff Writer

NEW YORK—In spite of Beau Jack's defeat by Bobby Ruffin in their ten-round battle at Madison Square Garden last Monday night, the former lightweight champion will have a chance to regain the world title on November 19 in the twice-postponed, lightweight title bout with Bob Montgomery, as scheduled.

This decision was announced by Mike Jacobs, promoter of the Century Sporting Club, Tuesday, in the face of bitter protests from Ruffin and his managers who contended that Ruffin, by virtue of his victory over Beau Jack, should have the first chance with Montgomery, the champion.

Jacobs stated that contracts for the Beau Jack-Montgomery fight were already signed and forfeits had been posted by both parties. He also stated that Beau Jack's injured knee which prevented from training properly for the Monday night fight was sufficient cause to ignore his defeat in reaching a decision regarding the title bout.

Face Agreement

Chick Wergeles, Jack's manager, wanted to postpone the fight with Ruffin because of Beau Jack's injured knee but consented after Jacobs had promised that the result of the Beau Jack-Ruffin fight would not alter Jack's scheduled return engagement with Montgomery who lifted Jack as the winner in seventeen rounds.

Beau Jack offered no alibi for his defeat, merely stating "I did the best I could under the conditions, and I am willing to fight Ruffin again or any one else my managers want me to fight."

Dr. V. Nardiello who treated Jack's injured knee, said Jack had traumatic synovitis, or "water on the knee" however, as the fight progressed, Jack's knee was bandaged.

Knee Bandaged

Jack entered the ring wearing a rubber bandage around his right knee. He admitted, after the fight, that this injured limb had given Beau Jack considerable trouble throughout the fight. In his dressing room after the fight, Jack's knee was bandaged. The bandage had been removed, it could easily be seen that the knee was still badly swollen.

Knee Damaged

Jack explained that this overweight was due to the fact that his injured knee had prevented him from training properly, forcing him to lay off training schedule completely for a four-day period.

Jack Overweight

Jack's injured knee was costly to him in more than one way, it was revealed. When the fighters weighed in, Monday, Jack sent the scales around to the 140½ mark instead of the 136 pounds he was expected to weigh.

Both Cut

By comparison with Beau Jack's "battle royal style," Ruffin was a boxing master, outboxing, outpunching and outcharging in to send Jack's right hooks to Beau's head. Beau's best punches, Jack explained that this overweight was due to the fact that his injured knee had prevented him from training properly, forcing him to lay off training schedule completely for a four-day period.

Because of Jack's extra weight he called into the armed services Ruffin and his managers demand soon, has a keen ambition to win and got an additional 1¼ pe back his lightweight championship cent of Jack's purse, boosting before being called. Ruffin's take to 22½ per cent and He won the lightweight championship cutting Jack's share to an eve from Tippy Larkin by knocking him out in three rounds 30 per cent. last December. He lost his title to Bob Montgomery last May. Monday's appearance was his thirteenth attraction available for Gar- and his second unlucky one.

In spite of his defeat, Beau Jack proved that he is still about the best and most colorful boxer the Garden office attraction available for Gar- and his second unlucky one. den shows. The 14,449 spectators paid $43,429, exceeding Jacob's fond hopes for $40,000.

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Joe Williams, only a man with your twisted, Negro-baiting perspective could call the Armstrong-Jack fight a phony.

You say that Ray Robinson will "show old Henry an equal amount of consideration." The only consideration Armstrong will receive from Robinson will be the respect Henry warrants. The respect due him as a result of his great past—the respect any fighter will have for an opponent who has scored the greatest comeback in ring history. In short, Ray Robinson will answer the bell this Friday night with one thought uppermost in his mind—to win that fight . . . as fast as he can.

Yes, Joe Williams. Ray WILL show "consideration" for Armstrong. Consideration for the dynamite he still packs in his powerful right hand.

As to your intimation about Joe Louis "suddenly discovering" he needed two additional weeks for training only because he didn't want to upset Mike Jacobs' box office applecart—well, that is about the crawliest crack any writer could make against the greatest fighter in history, and a man admired the world over.

But the crawliest cracks ARE to be expected from the likes of you.

Mike Jacobs has been trying to close an Armstrong-Robinson bout ever since it was proven to the satisfaction of all concerned that Henry Armstrong wasn't another washed-up great chancing a fatal injury with his comeback campaign. Mike Jacobs has been trying to close an Armstrong-Robinson bout for a long while previous to Robinson's army induction. And the only reason he was successful in making the match this time was because Robbie, too, has been convinced that Mr. Henry Armstrong is still one hell of a scrapper and nobody's cinch.

And listen, Williams. Sgt. Joe Louis requested a two-week training period for the same reason every fighter prepares prior to a bout. Joe Louis plans to put the same honest effort into his exhibitions that he displayed in his long and brilliant career as the most masterful heavyweight of all time. Joe Louis wants to be at his best for his buddies the world over. . . . Joe Louis takes deep pride in his fighting ability—and when he steps into the ring against George Nicholson, he wants to be just as sharp and fast as he possibly can.

But you wouldn't understand that, would you Williams? You're incapable of understanding anything decent, honest and loyal. You're incapable of understanding anything that doesn't have an "angle" to it—that isn't a "racket."

That's why you're Joe Williams and Joe Louis is Joe Louis.

Let the people take their pick.

Henry Expected It!

Signed Several Days Ago To Second Hudson In Baltimore; Figured He Was Through

Birmingham Post — Birmingham, Alabama

By LESTER BROMBERG

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Henry Armstrong's retirement obviously was prearranged, since he signed a contract several days ago to second Cecil Hudson, his welterweight protege, against Jackie Cooper at Baltimore on Sept. 13. This makes it clear that Henry had no intention of going through with the contract Manager George Moore signed for him to box Slugger White Sept. 18 at Los Angeles.

Armstrong will campaign around the East as a manager and expects to expand his stable, which now consists of Gene Johnson, a local lightweight and Hudson, whose slam-banging pleased in the Garden semifinal last Friday night. He licked Izzy Jannazzo in a tough six-rounder.

Pete Riley has Cleo Shans facing Joe Torres tonight at MacArthur Stadium. . . . Vinnie Vines, subbing for Sonny Horne against Pvt. Marvin Bryant tonight at Queensbore Arena. . . . Rad Dory, who drew with Al Davis, fights Jerry Fiorello Thursday at Fort Hamilton.

Jack Hurley, whose Billy Petroelle never will be forgotten, is in town with Nate Bolden. . . . Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack will be at the State Athletic Commission today to sign for their 15-round lightweight title fight Sept. 10 at the Garden. . . . George Gainford will make a bid for the contract of Ike Williams, Negro lightweight puncher.

Herb Marshall Works Out at Ahearn's Gym

Post
Washington, D. C.

By [illegible]
Post Staff Writer

With dubious pomp and doubtful ceremony, Promoter Goldie Ahearn opened his new gymnasium at 419 9th st. nw., yesterday as Herbert Marshall, New York heavyweight, started local training for his 10-round bout Monday night at Griffith Stadium with Jimmy Bivins, sensational Cleveland scrapper who is unofficially recognized as the duration heavyweight champion now that Joe Louis is wearing khaki.

"Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, former lightheavyweight champion and now a big-time movie star and booby trap ((night club to you) operator; Sammy Lewis, well known stage and radio star and brother of Goldie Ahearn, and little round man Al "Weskit" Weill, manager of Marshall, headed the list of out-of-town celebrities. Rosenbloom and Lewis, who have been entertaining at Army camps throughout the country, also performed at Walter Reed Hospital yesterday.

Rosenbloom clowned through several rounds with Marshall before leaving for Walter Reed. Marshall went through his daily strenuous routine of sparring, shadow-boxing and punching heavy and light bags.

Ahearn also yesterday announced a first-rate 10-round semi-final to the Bivins-Marshall feature which brings together Harry Jaffra, former bantam and featherweight champion, of Baltimore, and Billy Banks, local hard-hitting Negro featherweight. Ahearn said the winner of this bout will be offered a shot at Lew Hanbury, who plans an early comeback since his cut eye, which forced him to bow to Jackie Wilson via the t. k. o. route last June, is almost completely healed.

Bivins, Ahearn said, is expected here tomorrow in time to work out.

Defeat by Ruffin Won't Halt Beau Jack's Title Bout with Monty; Had Injured Knee

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

By JOE CLARKE
AFRO Staff Writer

NEW YORK—In spite of Beau Jack's defeat by Bobby Ruffin in their ten-round battle at Madison Square Garden last Monday night, the former lightweight champion will have a chance to regain his title on November 19 in the twice-postponed, lightweight title bout with Bob Montgomery, as scheduled, ed Jacobs, promoter of the 20th Century Sporting Club, Tuesday, in the face of bitter protests from Ruffin and his managers who contended that Ruffin, by virtue of his victory over Beau Jack, should have the first chance with Montgomery, the champion.

Jacobs stated that contracts for the Beau Jack-Montgomery fight were already signed and forfeits had been posted by both parties. He also stated that Beau Jack's injured knee which prevented him from training properly for the Monday night fight was sufficient cause to ignore his defeat in reaching a decision regarding the title bout.

Face Agreement

Chick Wergeles, Jack's manager, wanted to postpone the fight with Ruffin because of Beau Jack's injured knee but consented after Jacobs had promised that the result of the Beau Jack-Ruffin fight would not alter Jack's right eye that cut over Ruffin's scheduled return engagement with Montgomery who lifted Jack's decision.

The AFRO reporter had marked Beau Jack as the winner in seventeen rounds. Ruffin in two, with one In the sixth, ninth and tenth rounds, the two fighters had the News' tally card also crowd roaring its approval by giving Beau 7, Ruffin 2, ter of the ring. After the final even. bell at the end of the tenth, they Parker of the New Yorkwere both going strong and had irror also remarked that to be separated by the referee. it differently, with Beau Beau Jack was probably the ving the winning margin, heaviest backed fighter at the rowd cheered the decision, longest odds to lose a fight in the as the fight had been a Gardens. Days before the fight, cked, exciting, slug-fest in spite of Beau's widely adver- oo, had given a clever and tised injury, he was a 3 to 1 fav- ed, boxing exhibition. orite to win over Ruffin. an almost perfect left jab On Monday evening, just before e kept constantly in the the fighters entered the ring, Ruf- champion's face, he, skill-fin's supporters could get odds of anced out of from 7 to 1 to 10 wi ng has oc- during the ex-champ to curren on the Garden in a long ree out of every five age. and frequently appear a ulous.

Both Cut

mparison with Beau Jack's was weighed in, Monday, Jack sent royal style," Ruffin was the scales around to the 140½ rb boxing master, outbox- u, charging in to send and right hooks to Beau's mark instead of the 136 pounds body. Beau's best punch- he was expected to weigh. his fight uppercuts which Jack explained that this over- target many times, rock- his injured knee had prevented fin and making him run from training properly, forc- nge from the slower Jack. ing him to lay off training sched- fighters left the ring with ule completely for a four-day pe- faces. Jack left a vicious riod during the week before the

Jack Overweight

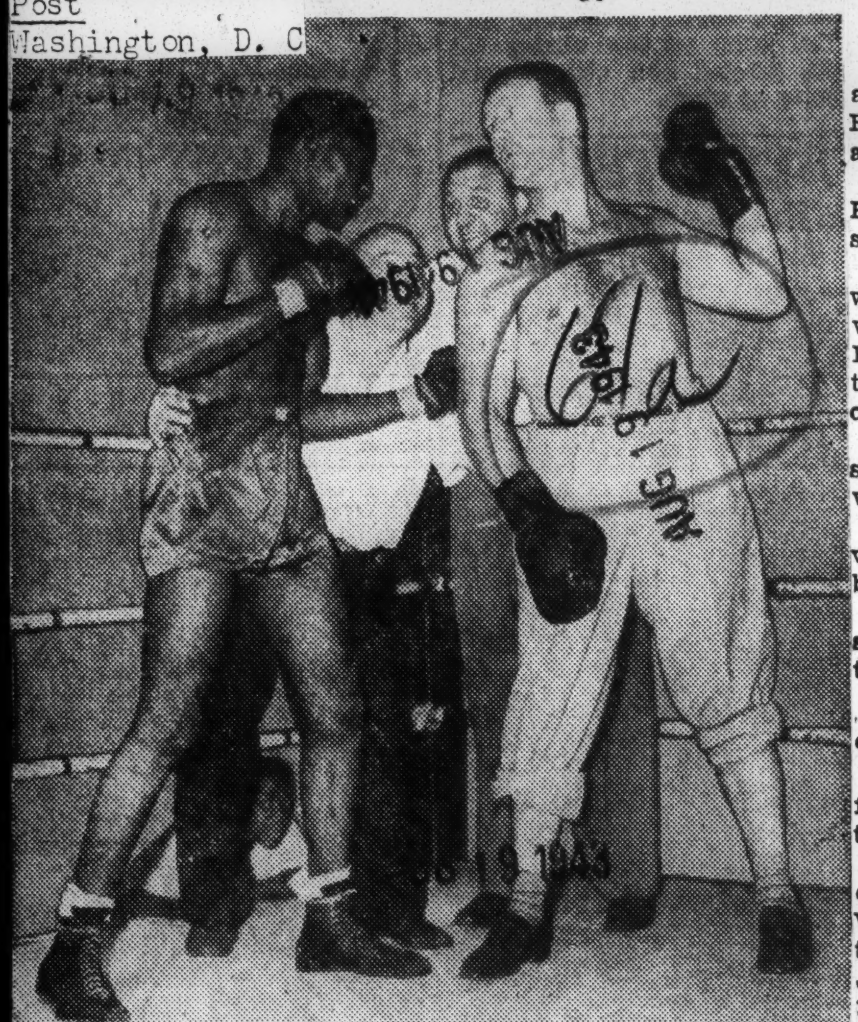
Jack's injured knee was costly to him in more than one way, it was revealed. When the fighters the scales around to the 140½ the 136 pounds mark instead of the expected to weigh. Jack explained that this over- weight was due to the fact that knee had prevented ing properly, forc- him from training sched- ule completely for a four-day pe- riod during the week before the

Because of Jack's extra weight he called into the armed services Ruffin and his managers demand-soon, has a keen ambition to win ed and got an additional 1¼ pebback his lightweight championship cent of Jack's purse, boostingbefore being called. Ruffin's take to 22½ per cent and He won the lightweight champ- cutting Jack's share to an exemptionship from Tippy Larkin by knocking him out in three rounds last December. He lost his title to Bob Montgomery last May. Mon- In spite of his defeat, Beau Jack proved that he is still about- day's appearance was his thir- the best and most colorful box- teenth appearance in the Garden office attraction available for Gar- and his second unlucky one. den shows. The 14,449 spectators paid $43,429, exceeding Jacob's grand hopes for $40,000.

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Rosenbloom Among Thorns

Post
Washington, D. C



"Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, former lightheavyweight champion, was a surprise visitor as Goldie Ahearn opened his new Liberty A. C. gymnasium yesterday at 419 9th st. n.w. "Slapsie" sparred a couple of rounds with Herbert Marshall, who meets Jimmy Bivins at Griffith Stadium Tuesday night in a 10-round bout. Left to right, Marshall, Al Weill, Marshall's manager, Promoter Goldie Ahearn and "Slapsie Maxie."

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the LOW DOWN —

Daily Worker New York N.Y.

23,000, Record High, See Negro-White Basketball Game in Chi.

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So lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place, eh? Well try to convince the Washington Redskins of that. Two weeks ago Sammy Baugh and his bruisers were coasting along easily to another Eastern Division football title and another crack at the Bears for the pro championship.

That crack at the Bears is not regarded as the highest of joys, but it does not mean a considerable basket of the green stuff which the boys like to bring home to the little woman after being bounced around on a frozen turf all afternoon.

Anyway, there they were. The Redskins, I mean. Facing them were two games with the Giants who had been just so-so all season long. Only one victory was needed to clinch the title. So a young upstart with a pug nose and flying feet promptly proceeds to rip through them with the greatest of ease and before the Redskins can draw a deep breath the Giants have snuk off with the victory by the tune of 14-10.

This victory of Bill Paschal and the Giants was so upsetting that almost immediately the cry of "Fix" was let up by the little Lord Fauntleroys who make the odds and the profits from the suckers who are silly enough to lay dough at the prevailing prices.

Dire implications were hurled at the Redskins, mostly by Cissy Patterson's paper down in Washington, the paper which casts its shadow right here in the city in the form of the Daily News.

But the Giants, hardy folks who like to be accorded the dignity which befits winners, didn't like the atmosphere created by their first win. So comes Sunday again and again they proceed to scalp the Redskins—this time more convincingly than ever, 31-7. Not even the bookies dared raise objections to this victory, for the Giants were obviously the superior team.

Now the teams, all tied up at the end of the regular season's schedule, face each other again this Sunday in a "sudden death" game which will determine who will play the Bears the week after.

The Bears, in the meantime, are lolling about in Chicago with that what-do-we-care look. Whover it is that wins this Sunday, you can be assured will be in for a rough time of it when they face the Bears.

Maybe it would be more better if the Giants finally did lose. I shudder to think what those Chicago mastadons are going to do to them.

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Jim Crow Takes Another Licking

The local papers ignored it like the plague and we had to wait for the weekly Negro press to arrive in the office before getting all the facts. But it was decidedly worth waiting for.

Two weeks ago, out in Chicago, the annual college-pro basketball championship was held between the College All Stars and the pro Washington Bears (also the Rennies of Harlem) . . . . . On the college team was Harry Boykoff of St. John's, Milo Komenich of Wyoming, Jimmy Seminoff of Southern Cal., the three Whiz Kids of Illinois, Graham of Northwestern, Joe Senesky of St. Joseph's and others.

The Bears, leading Negro team in the country, boasted such aces as Dolly King, Puggy Bell, Zack Clayton, Sonny Woods, Pop Gates, Johnny Isaacs and others.

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Playing before the biggest crowd ever to see a basketball game in our country, over 23,000 fans who crowded every inch of the Chicago Stadium, the All-Stars won out 35-31 in a game which is reported to be one of the best ever played.

That a Negro team playing against a white team could pull the largest crowd in history into a game is alone the biggest manifestation of the readiness of white fans to accept Negro athletes on an equal basis. **This isn't the first instance but it happens to be the latest and one of the most successful.**

It would be well for baseball if the magnates learned some lessons from that memorable Chicago game. If they need any proof that Negro athletes will get along with white athletes and that fans will come out to see them play, this game should provide it.

the LOW DOWN —

This Is the Big Fight and from Where We Sit It Looks Like Ray

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y. NAT LOW

Henry Armstrong: high-cheek-boned, Indian-faced little man with quiet, soft voice out of the ring and solemn, studious mein. Arms and torso of a lightheavyweight, chin of solid steel, fists wrapped in veritable concrete. Snorting, bustling, ever-moving, punching little brown-skinned man. First and only fighter to hold three world championships. Ranked among the great fighters of all-time. Yes of **ALL TIME.** Thirty-two years old now, far, far past his peak but fighting because money is an "Open Sesame" to the things Negroes cannot get in any other way. Still a great fighter despite the normal natural decline of his physical talents. Started life with a great hope in his chest, to be a doctor. But discovered soon that the color of his skin in this "free country" of ours was a stigma he could not erase. No work, no future, no hope, so on the rails with legs of thousands of other dispossessed young Americans. St. Louis to Wichita to Denver to Santa Fe to Phoenix to San Diego to Los Angeles. On the rails. Then L. A. . . . Hungry, tired, bitter but not beaten. A fight with a couple of hoodlums and he flattens them, thinks heavily about it and then makes the big plunge. "I'm gonna be a fighter." Yes, that's what he's gonna do, he's gonna be a fighter. . . . And a fighter he is. . . .

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You have read about Armstrong and his career is [illegible] ad about Armstrong and [illegible]on. This is a tough one to pick, for no matter how much you [illegible]e it you do not want to acknowledge the result of your thinking.

For your analysis tells you that Ray Robinson figures to belt the daylights out of Henry Armstrong. And that ain't a pleasant thought. Not in the least.

But before we become maudlin about the "beating" poor, defenseless little Henry is going to take, let us say a few words.

A fight's a fight. Form, paper ratings, odds and the like become useless the moment the gong sounds for round one. After this the boys are on their own and it is impossible to tell what is going to happen. Utterly impossible. If you are a fight fan you are as aware of the many upsets in fighting as I am. Bob

Ray Robinson: six feet tall and sparkling smile. Dance with the best, especially jitterbug. Shockingly skinny except on the arms where supple, powerful muscles work beneath the dark skin as he hits the bag or rams a left hook to an opponent's jaw. . . . Cocky and proud and mature for all his 22 years. Success came easy—no hard road despite the color of his skin. . . . Fought early, first in the streets of Harlem then in its few gyms . . . in the Golden Gloves and from the

Montgomery, just to mention one, didn't belong in the same ring with Beau Jack. You know what happened. Monty battered Beau from pillar to post and took his title. Became the lightweight champion of the world over the man whom he wasn't supposed to be in the same ring with.

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And another thing. In our opinion the Armstrong of 1938-39 was the greatest little fighter of all time. The Ray Robinson of 1941-42 was one of the greatest of all time. But this isn't 1938. Nor 1941. This is 1943 and they are meeting now.

Ray Robinson should beat Henry Armstrong tonight. That's our opinion, for what it's worth. But a lot of factors are involved in this fight and, if you want to be able to pay your rent comes the first of the month, lay off the betting.

We know Henry's strong points. He can hit like a middleweight. And with both hands. He is the nearest thing to perpetual motion the athletic world has ever known. He can take it with any man who has ever rubbed his shoes in resin. He is clever, mean, cunning and utterly fearless in the ring. And that's the only way a great fighter can afford to be.

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Ray is terribly fast. And he hits. Oh, my, how he can hit. His left is something you have to see in order to believe. And his right uppercut is no less sensational. He can box the way you have heard Joe Gans used to box. He is, besides Joe Louis, the coolest, calmest man we have ever seen in a ring. He is at his best when he is threatened by an aggressive, rough opponent. It is then that he unleashes all his tremendous energy, fighting spirit and cunning. He is as deadly a "finisher" as Joe Louis and that means he ranks with the greatest of the great. He is a counter-puncher, also like Joe, but if the Mountain will not come to Mohammet then Mohammet invariably comes to the Mountain.

In other words Ray has about everything. Right now he is not the fighter he was a year ago. The reason? He's been in the Army for close to ten months. He hasn't been fighting. Hasn't been getting the special kind of training a fighter requires.

Henry has the style to beat Ray but style will not be enough. Even if he does manage to get on top of Ray, as he likes to do, and undoubtedly plans to do, there is no guarantee that he can floor Ray or outslug him toe to toe. Indeed, the probability is that Ray will take the play away from him inside with those mighty right hand uppercuts he has learned to throw so well.

Ray is younger, tougher, less tired than 32-year-old Henry. If the early rounds are fast rounds, and how can they be otherwise, then Henry should tire around the seventh and eighth rounds and then catch his second wind in the ninth and tenth. He usually does this. But then again, Ray may also catch his second wind and if he does Henry will be in for a rough finish.

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Henry's strategy will probably be the only one he has ever known. Go out at the bell, get near his foe and then batter away until the guy falls or gives way. Then chase him and start all over again. It has worked for eight years—against good fighters—and may work aagin. But we doubt it. Ray's got too much of everything [illegible] a serious flaw in his armor we would say Henry has a good chance. But Robinson has proven himself flawless. Like Joe Louis. And that's tops.

So, brothers and sisters, that's the picture. And what do you want for five cents, television?

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Bob Montgomery Decisions Zivic

Lightweight Champion Whips Veteran Fritzie At Own Game

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

By JACK CUDDY.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23 (UP)—Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery beat veteran Fritzie Zivic at his own close-quarter game tonight to take a 10-round decision over the former welterweight king before 21,452 fans at Shibe Park.

Montgomery's body attack in the clinches, bolstered by the young Negro's youth, slowed up game Fritzie in too many rounds for the pug-nosed Pittsburgh veteran to come up with the verdict, despite his rally near the end.

The decision of the three officials—Judges Frank Knaresborough and Harry Lasky and Referee Irving Kutcher—was unanimous. The United Press scored seven rounds for Montgomery, two for Zivic and one even.

3D STRAIGHT

Montgomery, registering his third straight victory since winning the lightweight title from Beau Jack on May 21, demonstrated that he is one of the hardest body punchers in the game today. No other opponent ever slowed Fritzie and beat him at inside fighting like brown-skinned Bob did tonight.

Although Montgomery's title was not at stake, he fought grimly as if he were defending the crown and savagely tried for a knockout again and again. He was so angered at the close of the ninth, when Zivic rocked him with a right hook, that he kept tearing in after the bell had rung. Referee Kutcher had to pull them apart.

RINGCRAFT

Montgomery demonstrated unsuspected ringcraft in out-smarting his more experienced opponent at times. This, coupled with his youth, 24 years, and his punch, convinced most of the experts tonight that he will have little difficulty in retaining the 135-pound crown against Beau Jack in their scheduled 15-round match at New York's Madison Square Garden, September 10.

Zivic, weighing 144 pounds, had an eight-pound advantage.

Promoter Herman Taylor announced the gross gate at $60,924.50—one of the largest non-heavyweight gates in Philadelphia ring history.

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Radcliffe Negro Star, To Play Here

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Will Lead Giants Against Elites

Negro baseball's "one-man battery"—so called because he's both an outstanding pitcher and catcher—will be here with the Chicago American Giants of the Negro American League Tuesday night to do battle with the Baltimore Elites at Parkway Field, starting at 8:30.

He's Ted ("Double-Duty") Radcliffe and that nickname could well be changed to "Triple Duty," for he also manages the Chicago aggregation.

Radcliffe came to Chicago from the Birmingham Black Barons at the start of this season. He managed the Memphis Red Sox to the league championship in 1938, the last team to wrest the title before Satchel Paige's Kansas City Monarchs copped a four-year reign, and Chicago fans are hoping he brings them their first pennant in many years.

"Double Duty" has won recognition as one of the all-time Negro greats both as a pitcher and catcher and still turns in a sterling job at either position, besides also filling in at first base and other spots in an emergency.

AUG 25 1943

Champ Negro Cagers Play Savoy Big Five At Auditorium Dec. 7

News-Age-Herald

Black Baron Manager Handling Saperstein's Famed Globe Trotters

Birmingham, Ala.

W. S. Welch, who piloted the Black Barons to the championship of the Negro American League the past Summer, is business manager for the famed Harlem Globe Trotters, professional Negro basketball team which is coached and owned by Abe Saperstein.

Manager Welch, who has taken the Globe Trotters all over and out of the country the last several years, was in Birmingham the past week and arranged to bring the champion Negro pros here to the Municipal Auditorium the night of Dec. 7, when they will tackle Birmingham's Savoy Big Five.

There's more than the fact that Welch's managing the Globe Trotters, which gives local fans an added interest this season, as "Piper" Davis, star shortstop of the Black Barons, who is six-foot-three, is now a pivot ace for the Trotters and is touring the country from coast-to-coast with the outfit this Winter.

Saperstein, who revolutionized the game of basketball with trick plays in which football and baseball formations are included, has seen the Globe Trotters pile up the amazing record of 2,237 victories with only 189 losses in the last decade and a half, winning the world's pro championship in 1940, and capturing the Mexico City International Invitational Crown last March.

The champion ball handler of all-time, and the real trademark of the Globe Trotters, Inman Jackson, who has been featured in a Ripley cartoon, will be here of course, with the Harlemites Tuesday night, Dec. 1, along with Al Price, of Toledo; Bruce Wright, of Macon, Ga.; Tug Coverson, of Miami, and Sam Sharpe, of Denver.

This team played against many top-flight college aggregations and won last season, these affairs including Washington State, Oregon, Gonzaga, University of British Columbia, Mexico University, Chihuahua State Teachers and Dakota Wesleyan. They also played many Army camp aggregations and came out with colors flying. Owner-Coach Saperstein makes it a practice to play as many service teams as possible to see that the men in Army camps get sports and entertainment, and when these service affairs are staged, the bulk of the proceeds are turned over to some worthy camp fund.

The Globe Trotters played the Santa Ana Army Air Base, Camp Roberts, Ft. Lewis, Presidio of Monterey; Ogden Air Base, Pendleton Air Base, Hill Field, and others last season, and they will repeat the engagements during the tour upon which they are about to embark.

Only one appearance will be made in Birmingham, the battle with Savoy's Big Five, Tuesday night, Dec. 7.

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Industrial Stars Play Panama City Pair At Rickwood

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

All-Stars of the Negro City League will make their second defense of Rickwood Field is as many Sundays, when they defend against the invasion of the Panama City Tigers Sunday afternoon in a double-header, the first game starting at 2 o'clock. The All-Stars have really been looking after the position during the absence of the Black Barons in the East. They took a series from the Georgia Crackers in the Georgia metropolis almost two weeks ago, and last Sunday they shot the works at the invading Nashville Crawfords and it was plenty good enough to win. Now they are all set for a visit from the Florida champions.

"Two Sides" Wesley, who hits and throws either right-handed or left-handed, is well known in Birmingham colored baseball circles, and is manager of the Panama City colored celebrities. He has played on teams here. He served in the invaders. Wesley was on the original Black Barons outfit during the days that colored professional ball was getting its start in Birmingham at Rickwood Field, and with J. B. Hampton at the paw at the All-Stars in the long shortstop is hanging up a record for double plays during the current season.

The Panama City Pilot will throw outfield during the regime of Andrew Walker as manager of the team. Owens has also played on teams coming into Birmingham, the Wild Bill Jackson, who has just Toledo Crawfords and the Jackson-joined the club from the Home-

George Young, a ... in the nightcap ... seven innings.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.
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Robinson And Abbott Have Notable Records

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By SPIKE WASHINGTON
(World Staff Writer)

Coach Ralph Robinson, head football man at Clark College, and one of the successful young mentors of the country, has gone from his capacity at [illegible] Atlanta College. Presently he is whipping his men in shape for their engagement in the Vulcan Bowl classic at Birmingham on New Year's Day with the southern championship Tuskegee Institute club, coached by the veteran and crafty Cleve L. Abbott.

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The Panthers of Georgia and the Tigers of Alabama met earlier in the season with Clark winning the fray by the score of 7 to 0 in a fiercely fought game in Columbus. Announcement was given earlier this week by B. T. Harvey of Atlanta that Clark had been given the choice of the committee to meet the Alabama team in this third annual bowl game which has the sanction of the southern conference. Harvey, long-time sports official and former Morehouse College coach, is serving as chairman of the bowl committee and has already begun work to make the event this season the biggest yet as a climax to a highly successful grid season, considering the war which has presented transportation difficulties and numerous other setbacks.

The game will be played on Legion Field in Birmingham and a sellout crowd is almost assured of fans from this state and Alabama and some from as far away as Tennessee, Fla., and the Carolinas. This game promises to be probably the season's hardest fought with two stellar teams matching each other. It is certain that hundreds of Atlantans and other Georgia residents will swell the crowds treking to this outstanding sports festival.

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Persons who wish choice seats are advised to get busy now and purchase their ducats in front and avoid a last minute rush. There will be large numbers of pre and post game festivities and plenty of living space for all who will choose to stay over night or over the weekend in Alabama's steel city.

Negro Sailors Seek 4th in a Row Tonight

Chicago, Illinois
Chicago Tribune

Great Lakes Negro basketball team will be seeking its fourth straight and second victory over American Gear company's team tonight at Chicago Teachers' college gymnasium, 68th place and Normal avenue. The encounter will open the home season for the Gear quintet, which will seek to avenge an earlier 42 to 36 defeat at the hands of the Sailors.

Coached by Forrest Anderson, former Stanford university star, the Sailors boast a squad of former college and professional players. The Gear team also includes former notables, such as Charles Butler, last year's Notre Dame captain; Joe Stampf, 1941 Big Ten individual scoring champion of the University of Chicago; Vince McGowan of Loyola, and Paul Sokody of Marquette and Sheboygan [Wis.] pros.

The Sailors are led by Charley Harmon, former member of the 1942 Toledo university five. Another standout is Jimmy Brown, all-American at Southern university and former athlete at Froebel High school of Gary, Ind. The two professionals appearing in the lineup are Art Grant of the Harlam Globetrotters and Al Williams of Detroit.

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Gear		Great Lakes.
Butler	F	Harmon
Roos	F	J. Brown
McGowan	C	Williams
Sokody	G	Grant
Stampf	G	G. Brown

Major Leagues May End Race Player Ban

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK—Use of colored players in Major League baseball will be discussed Friday in a joint meeting of the National and American Leagues, according to K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner.

Arrangements for the hearing were made by the Press Association through its president, John Sengestacke of Chicago, who will head the delegation. The committee will include other publishers from Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Norfolk and New York.

The big league managers are now in session here and a discussion of the employment of colored baseball players will be brought out in the open for the first time.

Judge Landis said he did not know of any rule, written or unwritten, prohibiting use of colored players.

Called Healthy Sign

"I do not know the outcome of the discussion," the judge said, "but the subject is on the agenda and that is a healthy sign. Decision rests with owners who must make up their minds for and against."

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Ability Not Questioned

No one any longer doubts ability of colored athletes or of colored professional ball players.

Chief objection lay in the fact that the teams trained in the South and used hotels which might exclude colored guests. The war travel ban now makes it necessary for ball [illegible] to train in the North.

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So many white players were drafted last year that a shortage of A-1 players is real. Some minor leagues will be forced to suspend. It is this shortage of players which may cause team owners to weaken.

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Sentiment has been expressed that major leagues should use colored players in their New York State and International Leagues as a starter, and gradually work them up into big-time baseball.

Clowns To Feature Peanut Nyasses In Twin Bill Today

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Montgomery, Ala.



DAVE "IMPO" BARNHILL
"The Showboat King of Baseball" is the unofficial title of one Edward A. Davis, who under the [illegible] ng colored nines, this per- famed Satchel Paige. e victory may, perhaps, err. Very thin and loose-limbed. hat, but there can be no Peanut Nyasses exhibits a seri- n Nyasses allowed but one ous mixture of shuffling foot- run in 47 innings at Cros- work, lavish flapping of arms ld. Cincinnati were the and contortionist waving of legs play their home games both while pitching and batting. on Bowl, in a twin bill at 2 has lost only 12 out of 200 or Clowns play consecutive deci- more games pitched. With statis- He holds sions over the fabulous and tics often vague in the field of o'clock. fans applaud any particular bril- "Peanuts" pantomime on the

liant piece of work to lead the applause for himself. Treat his cunning left arm to a series of admiring glows and approving pats on an expanding chest. On the coaching lines his comments are described as "loud, copious and incessant."

Big Fellows Clash Tonight

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Tale of the Tape

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Brown		Hart
21	Age	26
6 feet	Height	6 feet 2
240 pounds	Weight	235 pounds
78 inches	Reach	80 inches
46 inches	Chest, Normal	48 inches
50 inches	Chest, Expanded	53 inches
17½ inches	Neck	18 inches
27½ inches	Thigh	27½ inches
17 inches	Calf	17 inches
12 inches	Ankle	13 inches
9 inches	Wrist	9¼ inches
15 inches	Forearm	16 inches
17 inches	Biceps	19 inches

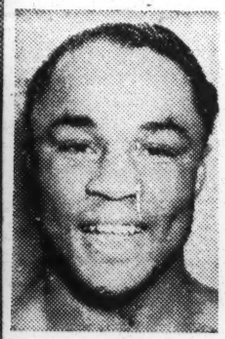
Fighting Career Ended, Armstrong to Be Manager

New York, N. Y. PM

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By Mike Miller

Henry Armstrong, the hammering hurricane who once held three world's championships at one time, is through as a fighter. His retirement wasn't unexpected, but it came with a sad and sour note Friday night — after he had made a miserable showing against Cpl. Ray Robinson in the 10 - round feature at the Garden before 15,371 who paid $60,789.



Henry Armstrong

With all due respect to Hank, there are many, especially those who were in the $16.50 seats, who thought his retirement came about an hour too late. He was no match for the tall, thin Army corporal.

Maybe it was pity for his idol that kept Sugar Ray from putting Hank away, although the bobbing and weaving Armstrong made a poor target.

Robinson fired away almost at will. That he didn't flatten Armstrong still has the fans puzzled. Henry absorbed a bad beating on his face and head but kept weaving, as if by instinct.

For the legion of Armstrong's admirers there was one happy note. The end of his comeback trail was not marked with blood as was his sorry demise three years ago.

While it's the end of his ring career, it's the beginning of Hank's role as manager. Meanwhile, Robinson also starts a new adventure. His first assignment as a member of Sgt. Joe Louis' fighting troupe will begin in New England Monday.

¶ Jimmy Bivins and Corp. Melio Bettina have been matched for a 10-round bout at Cleveland Stadium Sept. 15.

Parks Back In Special Added Bout

Post

Washington, D.

240-Pound Brown Rules Favorite In Feature Bout Over 10 Rounds

Heavyweights take over the spotlight tonight at Griffith Stadium, as Alfred (Big Boy) Brown, cousin of Sergt. Joe Louis, will trade blows with Al Hart, Army War College Negro contender, in the feature 10-rounder.

In another 10-rounder, a special attraction, Georgie Parks, youthful local heavyweight, returns to action after three months to oppose George Brothers of New York, a stablemate of Ray Robinson.

Kane Meets Torres

Promoter Joe Turner also is offering an eight-rounder between Eddie Kane, former Golden Gloves fighter, winner of 13 straight pro fights, and Joe Torres, Puerto Rican flash.

Lieut. Bob Sullivan of the Marines, scheduled to box Buddy Thomas, Washington heavyweight, in a six-rounder, will be unable to appear. Lieutenant Sullivan, former Golden Gloves champion, informed Turner that he was called out on maneuvers.

Beat Burman

A former Midwestern and Detroit Diamond Belt and Golden Gloves titleholder, Brown has won 13 out of 15 pro matches, will be a 7-5 choice to beat Hart. Making his debut here, Brown will pack 240 pounds, a good 10 pounds heavier than the soldier. Hart will be about 3 inches taller, but there will be very little difference in reache.

He beat Lou Brooks, Wally Cross and more recently Clent Conway. Larry Lane and Joe Baksi held him to a draw.

Magazine, has won 22 matches, and had two draws in his last 24 Eastern bouts. Locally his most impressive triumph was over Claudio Villar, who was flattened in one

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Forward in Reverse

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

By Mullin

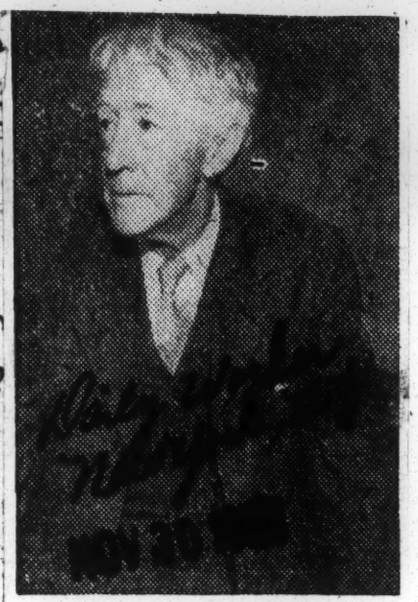


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Sports

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JUDGE K. M. LANDIS

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Baseball Jim Crow On Agenda—Landis

By Nat Low

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, yesterday disclosed that for the first time in the history of the major leagues the question of Negroes in baseball will be on the agenda of the annual joint meeting of the big leagues this Friday in New York.

The aged judge said yesterday that he had granted a request to five members of the National Negro Publishers Association to argue the case of Negro players. The delegation will speak at the joint meeting of both leagues at 10:30 A. M. on Friday at the Hotel Commodore. This session, the most important one of a whole week of meetings, will be presided over by Landis.

Meanwhile, buoyed by the news which Landis made public, another delegation of prominent Negro and white New York leaders will go through with its own plans and will also attempt to visit the meeting of the magnates. On this delegation are Max Yergan, president of the National Negro Congress; the Rev. Thomas Marten of Brooklyn, Councilman Peter V. Cacchione of Brooklyn, Councilman-elect Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Charles Collins of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and many others including leading CIO trade union-

Judge Landis' statement, which was made in his suite at the Hotel Roosevelt in the city, comes on the eve of the most important baseball meeting in many years. Organized baseball, which has had its ranks almost [illegible] by the draft, faces a real [illegible] to continue in operation next season.

The meeting of the major league magnates starts tomorrow and will come to a climax on Friday with the joint meeting of both leagues

In the meantime, Chairman and other progressives are swamping Landis' suite at the Hotel Roosevelt urging him and the magnates to give their fullest attention to the problem. . . . Other telegrams are being sent to the president of the National League, Mr. Ford Frick, and the American League, Mr. William Harridge, urging them to meet with delegations of Negro and white New Yorkers on the subject.

Reached on the phone by the Daily Worker yesterday, Landis said he was not willing to release any further news on the matter until after the Negro delegation has presented its case on Friday. The Judge was extremely friendly. The Judge revealed that another group of New Yorkers had requested to be heard on the matter of Negro players.

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SPORTS EVENTS COMMENTS SPIKES

By JAMES F. BURNES

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GREETINGS:

After many months, we take up pen again to formulate the column "Sports Spikes". However, culminating this time in a new theatre of activity, evaluating sportanic upheavals in the principal cities of the United States' eastern seaboard. Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York will be the more prominent sources of our future releases that the affiliated "SNS" papers might have a more direct contact with this section, now overcrowded with war migrants in defense plants and governmental positions, many of whom hail from Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Jacksonville and other southern points.

WHEN EAST MEETS WEST

The windy city of Chicago held the national spotlight recently, when the mighty East fell in a hard fought grind to the powerful warriors of the West in the most spectacular baseball classic of the season. For three years straight, the East had a winning way and a last inning rally in the 1943 classic almost brought the count to four, but the power of the West persisted with Porter Moss of the Memphis Red Sox taking over for "Fireball" Smith on the mound, and coming through in flying colors, with two men on base and the surefire pinch-hitter, Manager Vic Harris of the East at bat. The West claimed the banner on a 2-1 count. Pitchers for the West were Paige, McKinnis, Smith and Moss, while the East offered Barnhill, Wright and Harvey.

More than 51,000 fans offered silent tribute at the end of the fifth inning, in tribute to Ray Sparrow, one of the original founders of the classic, who died recently in Pittsburgh. Mr. Sparrow served as a promotional representative for four years.

OPEN TENNIS MATCHES

War conditions made it necessary for the American Tennis Association to cancel the 1943 "nationals", which automatically limited major tennis meets to city open event throughout the country. One open tourney, creating national interest is the New York Open, which begins August 16, the Cosmopolitan Tennis Club. Dr. Reggie Weir, 1942 national champion, Richard Cox, former Xavier net star and Mrs. Van Buren, women's tennis queen will likely lend much gusto to this event.

CHALKY WRIGHT BOWS OUT

Monday night's Washington appearance of Chalky Wright, former featherweight champion against Angel Avillis, Mexican headliner, marked his last embrolio ere he enters the armed services of Uncle Sam. Wright lost the title to Willie Pep last fall, but has since been well on the comeback trail, having trounced Phil Terranova, who licked Jackie Callura, the National Boxing Association's champion, and lost by a narrow margin to Chalkantino of Cleveland. Thus another hero of the fistic ranks unites with his colleagues in the armed forces. His admirers will await his return, when victory is won and fall in and cheer him when he resumes his pugilistic activities, — a greater fighter than ever.

Home Run King Honored

afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland



Josh Gibson, home run slugger of the Washington Homestead Grays, with huge bat, traveling bags, and flowers presented him by fans and club officials last Thursday at Josh Gibson Night at Griffith Stadium in Washington.

Armstrong Through

Birmingham Post

Former Champion Announces Retirement After Losing To Robinson In Boxing Fiasco

Birmingham, Ala.

BY JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Blurred vision and fear of blindness suffered in earlier fights caused Henry Armstrong's retirement from the ring last night. His action was not inspired by any harm suffered in his "stinkeroo" defeat by Corp. Ray Robinson before 15,371 booing fans at Madison Square Garden.

It was an unfortunate farewell for Armstrong, the former triple champion and one of the greatest fighters of our time. But it was doubly unfortunate for young Corporal Robinson, who, in his last commercial fight for the duration, was either just too timid or "under wraps."

Robinson back-pedalled to victory, though [illegible] the unanimous decision of the three ring officials and took seven of the 10 rounds on the United Press scoresheet, which credited two to Armstrong and called one even.

If the fight was "arranged" by the two Negro principals, it was poorly arranged. Robinson, only 21, nearly 10 years younger than 30-year-old Armstrong, and possessing advantages of punch and speed in addition to five pounds in weight, fled before the ancient "perpetual motion man" during most of the rounds as if old Henry were Joe Louis.

Armstrong, who looked like a little, crouching bulldog against a slender, stream-lined puma, tried to make a fight of it. But young Robinson kept speeding away from him, flicking him with left jabs and then halting to throw flurries of uppercuts—AUG 28 of which missed hammering Henry.

There were no knockdowns. Armstrong suffered a re-opening of an old gash in his lower lip in the second round, but it did not bleed much. Only two good punches were landed during the farce. Armstrong rocked Robinson with a left hook to the chin in the fifth and Robinson staggered Henry with a right bolo uppercut in the sixth.

New Boxing Solon Success In Other Fields

New York, N. Y.
World-Telegram

By LESTER BROMBERG.

On the premise that he should be able to see through things, Dr. Clilan B. Powell, Harlem X-ray specialist, Governor Dewey's appointee to succeed Bill Brown, ought to make a good boxing commissioner.

Seriously, though, an alert mind is a definite asset in overseeing the fight game and, on the record, New York's first Negro commissioner is nobody's slouch.

Besides having high professional standing (he's a member of the American Society of Roentgenologists), Dr. Powell is an astute businessman. In most of his enterprises he has been associated with Dr. Phillip M. H. Savory, and their activities include the following: The Amsterdam News, a weekly newspaper; a photo engraving firm operated in association with the paper; the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Illinois and the Community Personal Finance Corp.

Bought Paper for Debts, Made it a Success.

The two doctors chose a propitious time to acquire the paper, back in 1935, and in return for assuming the debts of the old owners obtained a controlling in-

Louis a Stockholder In Dr. Powell's Firm.

ement ensued among the plan was He is acquainted with all the ew co-worker of Gen. John prominent fighters of his race and n and D. Walker Wear is, is especially friendly with Sgt. Joe distinctly a fight fan. Louis. Joe, in fact, holds a fair- Savory, a general practi- sized block of stock in the Victory bserved the other day with Mutual.

mile, "a specialist names hours," and Dr. Powell as missed an important re or out of town.

Dr. Powell, who is 49 and a na- J. Phelan and 60,000.

Politically Dr. Powell is "inde- tive of Newport News, Va., nevertheless, dis- pendent," although his paper sup- has held a sports post but a few As Dr. Savory, a fair- ported Governor Dewey whole- years ago came close to the pres- tioner, observ- heartedly in the last campaign. idency of the Negro National a wry smile, In the Presidential years of 1936 Baseball League. His candidacy his own hou and 1940 he was on the other side was pushed by Effa Manley, wom- rarely has n an club owner from Newark, but fight here or

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CIAA Plans To Resume Baseball As Major Intercollegiate Sport

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

BLUEFIELD, W. Va. — Recognizing the possibility that Negroes may eventually be admitted to the major leagues, the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic association passed a resolution here last week at its annual December meeting designed to restore baseball as a regular intercollegiate sport. The resolution was one of the highlights of the annual meeting at Bluefield State Teachers' college and means that the colleges recognize the carryover value of baseball and the future it holds for Negro athletes.

George G. Singleton of Virginia State college was re-elected president, and Theodore Mahaffey of Bluefield State Teachers' college was re-elected vice president of the Northern district.

Others returned to office were: J. William Drew, Virginia Union university, vice president of the Central district; N. C. Webster, North Carolina A. & T. college, vice president of the Southern district; J. L. Whitehead, St. Paul Polytechnic institute, secretary-treasurer; Edward N. Wilson, Morgan State college, assistant secretary-treasurer; Arthur P. Chippey, St. Augustine's college, chairman of Eligibility committee, and Benjamin Washington, 936 S street, N.W., Washington, D. C., commissioner of football officials. Hampton institute will be the scene of the 1944 meeting.

SIX PLAYED FOOTBALL

In his annual address to the delegates in the opening session of the association, President George G. Singleton used a paraphrase of Lincoln't Gettysburg address to Lincoln's Gettysburg address to keynote the meeting with "the CIAA must be preserved." He pointed out that 31 years ago six schools got together and organized the CIAA and 31 years later only six of 14 schools now comprising the association, participated in football. He went on to say that though manpower shortage and transportation difficulties were given as reasons for the suspension of intercollegiate football, some teams did travel long distances and some teams did exhibit what seemed to be real manpower material.

Dr. D. T. Murray, member of the West Virginia Negro Board of Education, as guest speaker of the conference, spoke on "The Present Status and Contribution of Health and Physical Education." Dr. Murray pointed out that the very existence of the nation depends on the development of vigorous and healthy bodies among our youth. He said that recreation, social contacts, and group spirit are important factors which can be developed from participation in an intensified intramural sports program. Manpower shortages in many schools have enabled athletics to teach a new lesson in the development of a worthwhile attitude. This attitude should be the ability to take defeat graciously and intelligently. "The Value of Competitive Sports in College's War Program," was the topic discussed by C. H. Williams of Hampton institute. Comments on the subject were made

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Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American league, who will probably be re-elected at the annual winter meeting in Chicago Sunday. The American league enjoyed the most successful season in its history in 1943.

APPOINT COMMITTEES

Special committees were appointed at the closing session: Post-War Planning committee to chart the future course of the CIAA in the post-war era with C. W. Davis of Miner Teachers' college as chairman, and a committee for the scheduling of all CIAA activities, with J. B. McLendon of North Carolina college as chairman. Each member institution was represented on the Post-War Planning committee.

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CIAA athletic events scheduled for the next year. The 21st annual Tennis Tournament will be held at Lincoln university on May 5 and 6, 1944. West Virginia State college will be host to the Boxing and Wrestling Champ-

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General conclusions reached indicated that each college owes a duty to the young men of the nation to bring them a well rounded athletic program.

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CHICAGO IN 2 WINS OVER KANSAS CITY

Defender
Chicago, Ill.—

Five In Row At Home For American Giants; Baltimore Here Aug. 8

Nine thousand fans watched the rejuvenated Chicago American Giants, all dolled up in new suits, turn on the heat and take both games of a twin bill from the Kansas City Monarchs Sunday at Comiskey park. The scores were 8 to 5 and 4 to 3. The victories made it five in a row at home. The Baltimore Elites are here on August 8. Without the aid of Satchel Paige who was pitching in Detroit, the Monarchs were unable to stop the heavy hitting of Ted Radcliffe's boys.

George Walker was chased to the showers in the home fourth and Booker McDaniels lasted one-third of an inning before Manager Frank Duncan waved him off the mound and sent Ted Alexander in to pitch. Gentry Jessup was the pitcher for the Giants. He allowed eight hits, walked two and fanned six, three of the strikes coming in the first when he set Newt Allen, Souell and John O'Neil down in a row, fanned Catcher Barnhill in the second, Pitcher Walker in the third and Sorrell in the fourth.

Manager Radcliffe switched his lineup and now has Art Pennington, playing second, batting third and followed by Pep Young and Alex Radcliffe.

O'Neil Hits Homer

O'Neil spanked one into the lower deck of the left field stands for a homer in the third after two were out and Souell was on first via a sharp single to center.

Chicago took advantage of the break given them in the home first, when after two were out, Sorrell erred on Pennington's grounder. This upset Mr. Walker. Young hit one to the right of Jess Williams in short and was safe, Pennington having legged it to second. Alex Radcliffe singled to right scoring Pennington. John Smith singled to right scoring Young. Johnny Bissant was safe on Jess Williams' error but Smith was out trying to make third.

In the fourth, Bissant and Ted Radcliffe singled to end Walker's mound duty for the day. McDaniels went to the hill and forced Jessup to roll out Sorrell to O'Neil. Ralph Wyatt singled to the center field wall scoring Bissant and Double Duty. Davenport's single sent Mr. Wyatt home and McDaniels to the showers. Alexander retired the next two batters.

Alex Radcliffe doubled down the left field foul line in the fifth, and went to third on John Smith's infield out. Bissant sent Radcliffe home with a sharp single to center.

The Chicagoans bumped Alexander for two runs in the home eighth. Wyatt singled to right and Davenport singled to left. Pennington tripled to right scoring Wyatt and Davenport, Young popped to Sorrell for an easy third out.

In the second contest, abbreviated to seven innings, the Giants overcame Kansas City's one-run lead. Kansas City scored in the first. Wyatt overthrew first on Simms who legged it to second. Souell and O'Neil flied out to Bissant in left. Willard Brown's single to left scored Simms.

The Giants scored two runs in their half. Jess Williams erred on Wyatt's roller, Davenport walked. Pennington lined to Brown. Wyatt went to third after the catch. Young's single scored Wyatt and put Davenport on third. The Monarchs caught Young trying to steal second and cut him off. Young, jockeyed up and down between first and second. Davenport set out for home plate and was out, Catcher Sammy Haynes taking Sorrell's peg. Young reached second. He scored on A. Radcliffe's single.

Complete Double Steal

Bissant singled in the second, T. Radcliffe fanned. Cornelius singled to right sending Bissant to third. Wyatt flied out to Simms in deep left, Bissant scoring after the catch.

The last Chicago run came in the fourth. Davenport opened with a single, Pennington fouled to Souell. Young singled. Young and Davenport tried a double steal. Young was caught but raced up and down the path getting back to first finally and Davenport scored when Haynes dropped the ball in the collision at the plate. A. Radcliffe drew a base on balls after Young made an attempt to steal second and was out, Haynes to Williams. Jack Matchett tossed out J. Smith. Simms opened the second with a single. Cornelius fossed out Ousell and Simms reached second. Simms scored on O'Neil's single to center.

The Kansas Citians threw a scare into the Chicago fans—and the ball club in their half of the seventh—the final inning of the nightcap. Thompson was safe on Alex Radcliffe's error. Haynes was safe and Thompson reached second when Wyatt dropped Young's throw on what should have been a force out at second. Pennington made a great bare-handed stop of Matchett's smash and saved a run although he couldn't get the Monarch pitcher at first. The bases were full and none were out. Simms hit to Wyatt and Thompson was out at the plate. Souell lined to J. Smith in right and Haynes scored after the out. O'Neil hit to Wyatt who touched second forcing Souell.

Between the two games, Dr. J. B. Martin, owner of the Chicago American Giants presented a bouquet of flowers and a life-time season pass to Mrs. Sarah Foster, widow of the late Andrew Rube Foster. Mrs. Foster was unable to be present and Rube's son, Earl, and wife, accepted the gifts. Life-time passes were given all the old-time American Giants players. The list included Jimmy Lyons, Bingo DeMoss, Jelly Gardner, Drake, Trent, Sweatt, Curry, Harney, Grant and others, including the mother of Alexander Fed Radcliffe.

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Including Sunday's Games)

	W	L	Pct.
Newark	7	2	.778
Homestead Grays	2	2	.500
Baltimore	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Cuban Stars	1	1	.500
New York	0	2	.000
Cincinnati	2	3	.333
Kansas City	3	7	.300
Chicago	6	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
Birmingham	1	1	.750
Cleveland	2	5	.286
Memphis	0	0	.000

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

No Coloured Man Can Win British Ring Title

Defender Chicago, Ill

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By DAVID ORRO

LONDON, Eng. — Agitation in great Britain against the color bar has finally hit sports circles, specifically, the boxing game which for many years has entertained a peculiar idea about championships and fighters who should be allowed to hold them.

Among the few instances of racial discrimination in this country the most flagrant has been the denial to colored Britishers of the right to contend for the title of "champion of Great Britain." These fighters, peculiarly enough, may compete for championships of the Empire, but not for those same titles covering the British Isles. This is tantamount to Joe Louis being a Britisher and recognized as champion of the world, but at the same time being denied the privilege of contending for or being acknowledged as the champion of Great Britain. The phobia behind this queer quirk of the British Board of Boxing Control has not been made clear.

The situation was forcibly brought to attention recently when Selvin Campbell, a British merchant seaman from Jamaica, was once more refused a title recognition after he soundly trounced white Ernie Roderick, the reigning British champion, over a ten-round route. The fight was not a championship affair, but subsequently, Campbell's backers and public following clamored for another fight, this time with the title at stake.

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Selvin, known in the boxing profession as Lefty Flynn, has meanwhile offered to meet Roderick for the Empire title and a $1200 side bet. As to that matter of staking the championship of Britain on another fight between the two, the Board of Boxing Control answers all queries with an emphatic NO! The Board simply explains that no colored man can be allowed to fight for the British title, whether he's a British subject or not, and irrespective of the fact he has lived in the British Isles most of his life, as in the case of Campbell.

So the controversy rages on. Campbell's supporters point out the irony of, not only the refusal to bestow title upon this brown champion, but more important, the fact that while Campbell daily risks his life fighting in service of the British Merchant Navy, Great Britain does not deem him a fit person to fight for a British boxing title.

This adamant stand of the Boxing Board has kept several notorious colored boxers of championship calibre from breaking into the title ranks. Among these were Len Johnson of Manchester, Harvey Martin of London, and Larry Gains of Montreal, Canada.

A Forward Step for Missouri U.

Kansas City CallMo

OCT 8 1943

The fact that a Negro youth was the outstanding player in Ohio State's football team last Saturday was not unusual in itself because Negroes have been star players on big college teams for many seasons. But it was news that the team opposing Ohio State was from the University of Missouri which has spent thousands of state dollars attempting to keep Negroes "in their place".

Playing a team with a Negro member was a new departure for Missouri U. Not only has the university fought through the courts to keep Negroes from enrolling as students but it has stoutly maintained a policy of refusing to meet in athletic competition any team with a Negro member.

Just a few years ago, Missouri called off a tri-state track meet because one of the two participating schools had a Negro star it refused to leave at home. Missouri cancelled the meet rather than have one brown boy appear on its track.

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A change of policy by the university athletic department is indicated by the game played Saturday. There has been no change, we venture, in the attitude of the M. U. student body or of youths who make up the team because the young people have said since the day when the Supreme Court handed down the famous Gaines decision that Negroes would be accepted as fellow students if it were the will of the highest tribunal in the land. It has been the controlling board of university and state officials who have opposed relaxation of the 100-year-old policy of separation of the races.

The change at Missouri, even if only in athletics played away from home, is heartening. Perhaps the University of Kansas now will permit Negroes to participate in its athletic events since the only excuse for barring them in the past has been that Missouri, one of the members of the Big Six, would not play a team with a Negro.

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But whether or not Missouri's action in playing the game last Saturday means that her policy will be changed throughout her athletic program, we are gratified at the one indication that the state university is trying to keep up with the changing times.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Defender Chicago, Ill

Notwithstanding the hub of the occasion was no more than a high school football game and relatively unimportant in a world a-bustle, Chicago was the stage last week for a genuine reproduction of democracy-at-work.

As we have stated, it was a mere athletic contest between two average scholastic teams, but propelled by a charitable incentive, a crowd of 80,000 persons of both races were attracted to its presentation in that city's gigantic Soldier Field. And the spectacle was one that might well have been a lesson for the entire nation.

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For the first time in its 10-year history, the game, known as the Kelly Bowl classic, pitted an all-Negro public high school eleven against a Catholic high school squad composed entirely of white youths. The inevitable result, or one would suppose, should have been a rivalry between the two racial groups. But this was not the case.

To a person, Soldier Field cheered the efforts of all the participants. An unusually spectacular play by a member of the colored team won the plaudits of the crowd. Likewise, outstanding performances of the Catholic youngsters were greeted with warm and wholesale praise.

White cheer leaders from schools defeated by the public school champion joined with Negro cheerleaders in a valiant attempt to encourage their favorites to greater accomplishments. Colored bands and majorettes walked hand-in-hand with their lighter-complexioned counterparts. Everywhere was abundant evidence that good-fellowship and inter-racial understanding depends solely on the liberation of men and women and children from their inhibitions.

These people demonstrated that they do not fear to seek the full meaning and significance of the meaning of justice, the dignity of man, the moral order, and the supremacy of human rights. By their conduct and attitude these 80,000 AMERICANS proved they do not look upon these things as mere catch words, but that to them they represent the highest hopes and aspirations of mankind—the essence of undiluted Americanism.

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Clark Griffith Won't Budge on Use of Colored Players

Baltimore, Md
American

Senators' Prexy Stands Pat on Separate League Theory

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By RALPH MATTHEWS

WASHINGTON

Judge Landis or no Judge Landis, veteran Clark C. Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, will not alter his opinions on the use of colored players in the big leagues. He prefers separate leagues.

Mr. Griffith refused to be interviewed on the subject opened anew last week by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, baseball commissioner, in a special statement to publishers in which he declared any official bar against colored players in big league baseball. Why should

Although he talked freely "off the record," Mr. Griffith insisted that the only statement he would make for publication was one he had prepared about a year ago when the controversy was raging. My opinion now is the same as it was then," the club prexy said, that is that colored players should have their own league and

bringing it up at this time just when we are in a total war and when everyone, both colored and white, should be cemented together in the common cause of winning the war.

"It is my opinion that colored baseball players have their own league and would lend all of their efforts to developing and if properly organized and officered, could take their place in the annals of baseball. It is my belief we should have white baseball and colored baseball leagues.

"I have spent much time and would say that I have been most lent my aid and use of the ballpark here to the co-operative and I know that a advancement of baseball in the Colored league in colored baseball parks have contracted likewise.

"It is my opinion that organized baseball should lend their assistance to the colored man in the development of colored baseball in helping him build an organization that will have the confidence and which would even- a solid foundation on which baseball players in the colored people would have

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"The question of the use of colored baseball players in the ranks of organized baseball is not one of race but rather that of finance. Should you ask many friends who have been most instrumental in the development of colored baseball in this country, I feel sure that they would say that I have been most

His full statement follows:

Time Not Ripe

"The question of the use of colored baseball players in the ranks of organized baseball is not one of race but rather that of finance. Should you ask many friends who have been most instrumental in the development of colored baseball in this country, I feel sure that they would say that I have been most

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ARMY'S' STABLE ACQUIRES NEW STAR

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Henry Armstrong has been looking forward to the future by assembling a stable of up-and-coming youngsters who'll be fighting for him and his manager, George P. Moore. Moore is turning over much of the details incidental to the troupe to Jimmy Ascendio, Henry's secretary, who last week signed Cecil Hudson on the line for seven years, having negotiated the purchase of the Hollywood welterweight from Tony Palazola for a reported $3,500. Shown here with Ascendio and Hudson is Chief Inspector Willie Ritchie of the California State Athletic commission.

Champion Favored To Defeat Jack Again Friday Night

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Bob Montgomery, the lightweight champion of the world, will risk his title here Friday night in Madison Square Garden against the warrior from whom he won the treasure crown, tough little Beau Jack. Clashing in what is expected to be one of the years best bouts, Montgomery and Jack are primed for a "bar room brawl."

Beau Jack will enter the fray the underdog, but many observers are giving him an excellent chance to win his title back. He is counting on a murderous left hook and speed. When he lost his crown to Montgomery last May, Beau Jack vowed to win it back again. He said he wasn't exactly himself that night and pointed out that every fighter has an "off-night" now and then. He will get his chance to prove that his loss last May was just one of those things when he climbs through the ropes against the champion Friday.

It took Montgomery so long to get himself married to the lightweight championship that he has no intention of getting himself divorced after so short a "hitch." He became champion last May 21 and will try to prevent becoming an "ex" on Friday night.

There is a theory in boxing that winning a title sometimes makes a good fighter an even better fighter. That's what they (boxing men) are now saying of Montgomery. Since winning the crown Montgomery has engaged in three contests, has won each, one by a knockout, more important, however, than the mere winning of these bouts is the fact that Montgomery displayed consistently fine form.

Once upon a time the Philadelphia youngster was an in-and-outer, a hot-and-cold fighter, exhibiting brilliant form in one fight and then, in the next, demonstrating all the crude points of a rank novice.

But Montgomery appears to have overcome that tendency. In fact, he has been going great all year and was every inch a champion the night he vanquished Beau Jack. On that occasion, it will be remembered, Montgomery entered the ring a decided underdog in the betting. But he quickly established his superiority over the Beau, piled up a commanding lead, and never let go of it despite a strong Beau Jack rally in the closing stanzas.

He thinks it will be the same story this time. But Beau Jack has his own views about that. Both champion and challenger are nearing the end of their training preparations. Each is working out daily at Stillman's gymnasium, Montgomery having arrived in New York from the Quaker City last Saturday.

Bivins Finishes Hard Drills for Marshall

Washington Post Washington, D. C.

'Duration Champ' Boxes With Wint, Tate; New Yorker Eases Through Light Workout

For a couple of hours yesterday at Goldie Ahearn's gym it looked as if Jimmy Bivins was the struggling young heavyweight striving to impress and Herbert Marshall, New York Negro, was the fighter Joe Louis had named as the "duration champ."

Bivins, a 4-to-1 shot to stop Marshall when thye tangle on Ahearn's presentation at Griffith Stadium and the youngster who is hailed as the best looking heavyweight now campaigning, worked his head off, boxing six hard and fast rounds with Teddy Wint and Freddy Tate, another Cleveland fighter.

On the other hand Marshall, facing the most important opportunity of his life and the chance to get in line for big-money shots should he upset the dope and Bivins, took it easy, merely shadow boxing and punching at both bags.

Nearly 200 Watch Workout

A crowd of nearly 200 watched the workout, the spotlight of which was stolen entirely by Bivins' serious sparring.

Al "Weskit" Weill, manager of Marshall, forbade Marshall from cutting loose and made his protege take it easy. Weill, a cutey in the fight business if there ever was one, said he believed Marshall had had enough of hard work and boxing and, save for loosening up yesterday and today, was ready to go to work on the "duration champ." Weill, incidentally, scoffed at the 4-to-1 odds and insisted his boy has a good chance to topple the Cleveland sensation.

Both fighters will ease off today



HERBERT MARSHALL
in their final likht workout.

Robinson Also Works Out

"Sugar" Ray Robinson, preparing for his Friday night's Madison Square Garden bout with Henry Armstrong, again worked out, much to the delight of the crowd, which was getting osmething extra.

Meanwhile, Billy Banks, local featherweight who is conceded a great chance to whip Harry Jeffra, former bantam and featherweight champion, in their 10-round semi-final fuss, continued to work out at Turner's Arena with Jackie Wilson, who is busy preparing for his next Monday night's battle here with Lulu Constantino. Banks and Wilson stepped four fast rounds and completed their drills with shadow boxing and bag punching.

Enthused over a large advance sale and reservation demands, Ahearn yesterday predicted the gate would surely top the $20,000 mark and possibly may reach $25,000.—AL COSTELLO.

Just a "Lovefest" for Ray and Hank

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md



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Ray (Sugar) Robinson, left, and Henry Armstrong met heads-on during this early round of ten-round fight at Garden Friday night, but there was little action as the two staged a "lovefest" with Ray winning the decision with ridiculous ease. It was Ray's last bout before going on 100-day army tour, and Hank's finale for good, or so the ex-triple champion said.

Ray to Tour Soon, but Henry Fight 'Is No Act'

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Cpl. Ray Robinson, of the team of Louis and Robinson, soon to tour under the billing "Quips and Clouts for the Camps," is in town to do a single against Henry Armstrong tomorrow at the Garden and insists that, so far as he is concerned, this performance will be no act.

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"I've known Henry ever since I got into boxing and he even phoned me from the Coast for advice when his comeback began to go good," related Robinson, "but you can say for me that the minute the bell rings sentiment ceases. He'll be just the fellow I'm trying to knock out."

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Ray said he had discussed this angle with Sgt. Joe at Ft. Meade, Md., where they were getting ready for what may become a world trek, and that Louis' counsel was to this effect: You know what I did against John Henry Lewis.

Robinson divulged that Louis was not in the military doghouse for having worn an officer's shirt (gabardine, with shoulder straps) in Washington last Thursday, as bruited about Harlem these last few days.

"It's just that the army is cracking down on soldiers who wear uniforms other than GI in Washington," said Ray, "and Joe happened to be one of many who were stopped. He promised not to break the rule any more and went on to see the opening of This Is the Army."

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Robinson added that he wouldn't be surprised if Joe is at the ringside tomorrow. Appearances in Washington area prevented him from accompanying Ray, as hoped, but Louis will have to pass through this area en route to Ft. Devens, Mass, where the tour opens officially on Monday.

On the fight, Ray was disinclined to talk. He said he had been "too busy trying to get into shape" to think anything about how he'd counteract Henry's bent-over tactics, body-punching, etc. His training had consisted of three boxing workouts at camp and a two-round session yesterday at Irvin's gym. He followed Armstrong in that ring, after posing with him for photos.

This first—and last—gander at Robinson, as well as a third look at Armstrong in training here, drew these comments from the mob. On Robinson—"The fight's 10 rounds, not two, but he don't look rusty, he's got snap." On Armstrong—"The old guy's in condition all right."

Robinson weighed 149 before working, 146 after, which indicates he'll scale about six pounds more than Armstrong. The weight advantage is not a factor in the odds favoring Robinson which yesterday went to 3 to 1. The bookmakers are thinking mainly about Robinson's youth and speed.

Following the workout Ray went to the home he bought for his mother in upper Manhattan and staged an impromptu birthday celebration for that yet comely person. . . . Robinson explains that he and Louis have been coached in public speaking at Ft. Meade and their joint role in the camps is to instruct in boxing in the afternoons and to give exhibitions in the evening. . . . They also will perform before wounded veterans at various rehabilitation centers. . . . The Robinson-Louis tandem has a routine, replete with G. I. jokes and repartee based on Joe's fight with Cpl. Billy Conn. . . . Ray's tour bouts will be with Pvt. Jackie Wilson and Joe's with George Nicholson who, as master sergeant, outranks him. The tour is under the command of Capt. James Fitzgerald of Hempstead, L. I., described as "a regular guy."

New Boxing Commissioner Takes Oath



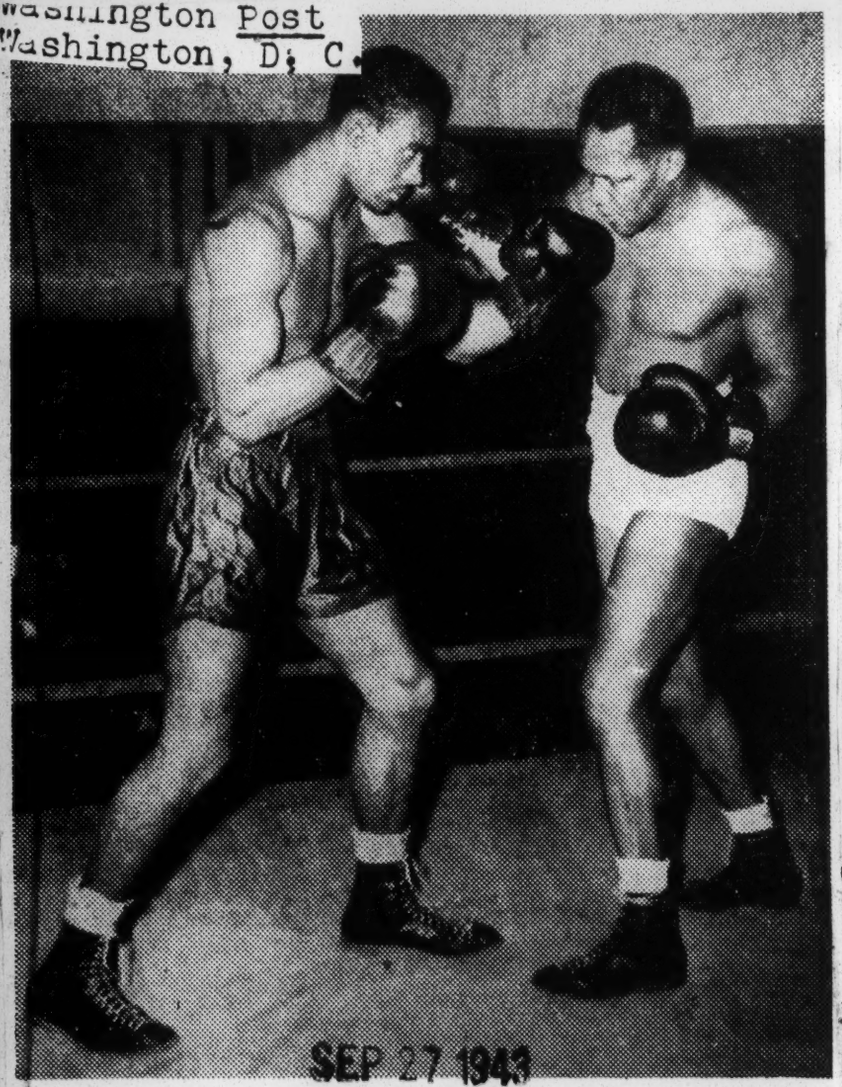
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Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Cllan B. Powell, recently appointed boxing commissioner of New York State, as he was sworn in by Thomas J. Curran (left), secretary of State, in New York City Friday afternoon. Dr. Powell's official act after taking oath was to witness the Ray Robinson-Henry Armstrong shindig. He sat at ringside with Gen. Phelan, chairman of the commission.

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Garner-Williams Bout Features Turner Card

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.



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John Garner, left, D. C. light-heavy and middle weight champion, endangers his winning streak of 14 straight tonight as Promoter Joe Turner opens the indoor season, meeting Holman Williams of Chicago, right, winner of 109 of 119 fights, at Turner's Arena. Williams is a 2-to-1 favorite

Chicago Protege of Joe Louis Favored Over Local Boy in Arena 10 Rounder

Promoter Joe Turner shifts his indoor fistic activities tonight to Turner's Arena, where he will offer Holman Williams, outstanding Chicago Negro battler, in a 10-round feature match against John Garner, D. C., middleweigh and light-heavyweight titleholder.

Williams is a 2-to-1 favorite to defeat the local fighter, who happens to be the first Washingtonian ever to hold two titles in the same year.

Garner, only a year removed from his start in pro ranks, defeated Stoney Lewis last spring to win the light-heavy crown. Lewis that night sprung the socket of his right arm out of joint, and Garner went on to win easily.

Beat Mamakos in Upset

Then followed an upset victory a few weeks ago at the ball park, where Garner won the middleweight title from Steve Mamakos, the Golden Greek. Mamakos had the misfortune to reinjure his right leg, and the match was stopped before it hit the eighth round.

Thus Garner, winner of 14 straight, has been called a lucky fighter by the fistic gentry, and it remains to be seen tonight whether his luck will carry on.

The eight-round semiwindup promises to be almost as interesting as the feature tussle. Here Nick Latsios, the Alexandria Golden Greek, will seek his eleventh straight pro victory against Tuffy Cummings of the Royal British Navy. Nick last month stopped Sergt. Maxie Starr, whereas Cummings has won five out of six local decisions.

In six-rounders, Tee Hubert, John Carter's protege, will box Speedy Duvall, and Jimmy McGriff of Washington will oppose Jimmy Gillen.

Protege of Joe Louis

Williams is a protege of Sergt. Joe Louis and only recently added to his prestige by defeating Lloyd Marshall, the boy who went 13 rounds with Jimmy Bivens.

Williams' record also shows victories over Joe Basora, Louis Kid Cocoa, Charlie Burley, Kid Tunera, Steve Mamakos, Vince Pimpinella and Saverio Tureillo. He is a combination fighter-boxer, and in 119 bouts has lost but 10 decisions.

Phillips Wins City League Title, 12 to 6

Chicago Tribune

BY FRANK NORRIS.

Phillips proved too powerful for a fighting Steinmetz team yesterday and captured the City High School league football championship by defeating the West Siders, 12 to 6, before a crowd of 15,000 in Soldiers field. Phillips obtained its victory thru two first half touchdowns and then staved off all but one of a number of threats by the Flashes in the second half.

The victory sent Phillips into the 10th annual Mayor Kelly Bowl game against the Catholic league champion, which will be either Mount Carmel or St. George who meet today in the lake front arena. The championship was the first ever won by an all-Negro football team in the history of the City league. The championship, however, is not the first for Phillips, which tied Englewood in 1913 and repeated in a three way tie with Englewood and Lane Tech in 1915 before Phillips was converted exclusively into an all-Negro school.

As usual the star of the Phillips attack was Claude [Buddy] Young, the state's 100 yard dash champion. Young scored both of the Cats' touchdowns, one on a pass play and the other on a two yard plunge. Young's two touchdowns brought his season's total to 78, of which 21 have been scored in sectional and championship play. He scored all of Phillips' points in the two play-off games except for a place kick by Jim Williamson in the Amundsen game.

Young Well Supported.

In addition to Young, Don Johnson, a smashing full back, Horace Chandler, who pitched the touchdown pass to Young, Allen Anderson, who doubled at full back and right end, and Capt. Earl Banks were outstanding for the Central section Negro champions.

Capt. Tom Neswold, Stan Chesney, Matt McCarthy, and Tommy Mills, the starting Steinmetz back field, and Wally Williams, the left end, were fighting Flashes that kept the fray game close at all times in the second half.

Phillips used a spectacular pass play to score its first touchdown. After Neswold's excellent punt sailed out of bounds on the Cats' 16, Young slipped thru left tackle and around end for 5 yards. On the next play Chandler flipped a beautiful aerial that traveled 24 yards in the air to Young on the Phillips' 45. The Negro star evaded Mills and McCarthy and then outran Chesney to cross the Flashes' goal line standing up. Young's run was for a distance of 55 yards and the pass play covered 74 yards in all. It was completed with less than two minutes of play remaining in the first quarter.

62 Yard Scoring March.

The new champions put together a sustained 62 yard march for their second quarter touchdown. Don Johnson started the ball rolling with a 28 yard gain after he smashed the Steinmetz left side of the line. It was first down on the Flashes' 34 yard line. After Allen Anderson fumbled and Don Johnson recovered for a 2 yard loss, the latter went thru center for 11 yards to the Steinmetz 25. Johnson then hit off tackle for a first down on 21 and the ball was placed on the Steinmetz 6 yard line when the Flashes were found guilty of unnecessary roughness.

Johnson hit center twice for four yards and then Buddy shot thru left guard for a touchdown. Williamson's placement again was wide.

The valiant Steinmetz eleven came out fo[illegible] second half behind 12 points and determined to change the complexion of the game. After dueling back and forth for about eight minutes of the third quarter the Flashes began a drive that paid dividends.

McCarthy Goes Over.

Starting on the Steinmetz 40 yard line, Neswold split center on a delayed buck for 11 yards and a first down on Phillips' 49. Neswold and McCarthy gained 18 yards in three attempts for a first down on the 31. On second down Neswold passed to Wally Williams for 14 yards and a first down on the Cats' 21. After Mills picked up 3, McCarthy smashed the Phillips line three times for a first down on the 11.

Mills made 3 and McCarthy went for 6 but [illegible]esley [illegible]brick wall. However, the ball was placed on the 1 yard line when Phillips was penalized for offside. McCarthy smashed the line twice before going over. Dick Bidstrup's attempt for the placement was blocked by Banks.

New Champion

STEINMETZ [6].		PHILLIPS [12].
Williams	L.E.	Hartsfield
Macchione	L.T.	Campbell
Toson	L.G.	Banks
Dahlstrom	C.	Cook
Campo	R.G.	ReChord
Bidstrup	R.T.	Williamson
Lund	R.E.	A. Anderson
Neswold	Q.B.	Coleman
Chesney	L.H.	Young
Mills	R.H.	Chandler
McCarthy	F.B.	D. Johnson

Phillips	0	6	0	12	
Steinmetz	0	0	6	0—	6

Touchdowns—Young [2]; McCarthy [1].

Substitutions—Steinmetz: End, Hoelterhoff; guard, Duley; center, Schmidt; backs, Dewald, Snow.

Phillips: End, Allen; tackles, Brown, McLaughlin; backs, Stewart, E. Williams.

Referee—Sam Pecoraro [Dallas]. Umpire—Charles Smidle [Indiana]. Head linesman—Bill McHugh [De Paul]. Field judge—Ike Craig [Illinois Wesleyan].

Coaches—Herb Thompson [Steinmetz], Lou Tortorelli [Phillips].

[Continued from first sport page.]

	Phil's.	Stein'z.
Number of first downs	5	10
First downs by rushing	3	7
First downs by passing	1	3
First downs by penalties	1	0
Yards gained by rushing	186	136
Net yards gained by passing	107	47
Forward passes attempted	7	15
Forward passes completed	2	3
Forward passes intercepted	3	0
Number of punts	7	6
Average distance of punts	29.1	38
Number of kickoffs	3	2
Average distance of kickoffs	42	14
Yards kickoffs returned	24	21
Number of fumbles	2	2
Opponent's fumbles recovered	3	2
Number of penalties against	5	2
Yards lost by penalties	51	30

In Short

PM
New York, N. Y.

Henry Armstrong seems anxious to drown out those sour notes rising from his latest "retirement," hence his plan to go through with the match with Slugger White at Los Angeles on Sept. 18 . . . When Sgt. Joe Louis' GI boxing troupe opened its 100-day tour at Fort Devens the other night more than 10,000 sports-hungry soldiers gave an ovation to Joe, normally a "dead-pan" performer.

Armstrong Licks Garrison In 10

Birmingham, Ala.

By Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—Henry Armstrong, the lethal-fisted little fellow, made it 23 victories out of 25 comeback fights last night when he pounded out a unanimous decision over Lee Garrison, fire-fighter and No. 2 son's tennis star, in the first invitational tournament sponsored by the Recreation Association for Negroes.

Armstrong, courtman, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, and 6.4. Both winner and runner-up received trophies for their efforts in the powerful Edgar Jackson Trophy tournament. This makes the sixth time Armstrong has won a local tournament this season and the fourth tional tournament sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Association. Jackson, local collection of defeating Edgar Jackson, gave spectators the sea-son's best exhibition of forehand shots, of the masterful type. Beautiful returns by Lee smashes and al player, added the Negro star evaded

JACKSON COPS YEAR'S SIXTH LOCAL TROPHY

Washington Tribune

Maurice "Flip" Jackson, local school star and No. 2 Nation-

10-round decision over Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City welterweight, before 5000 fans.

Spotting his opponent eight pounds, Armstrong went into the ring at 140, forced the fight all the way and had Garrison on the verge of a knockout at the finish.

The United Press score sheet gave Armstrong five rounds, Garrison three and called two even.

It was Hard-Hittin' Hank's third decision over the Kansas City fighter. He defeated him twice in 1939.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Lee's Mixed Team To Play Seven Games

CAMP LEE, Va.—A seven-game schedule against service teams, starting with the tilt against the Norfolk Marines at Norfolk recently, has been approved for Camp Lee's mixed grid eleven.

Selection of Pvt. Hyman Velkoff, former Brooklyn Dodgers lineman, as co-coach of the Leemen, was also announced recently. Velkoff joins Pvt. Warren Casey, ex-Harvard ace, at the reins of the club, succeeding Capt. Marshall Spivey, who has been transferred.

The team won its first game against the Marines. The plan is to have Lee meet service elevens in its own class on a home and home basis, which will give it an opportunity to establish claims to the title of No. 1 service eleven in Virginia. The Leeman impressed while losing to the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants of the National Professional Football League in pre-season exhibitions here.

The Quartermasters will play at Lee Field Sunday, October 24, when they will battle the Bainbridge Naval Training Station eleven.

Following the game here against Bainbridge, the Leemen will take to the road again, opposing Curtis Bay Coast Guard at Curtis Bay, Md. Then will come home games against Indiantown Gap and Curtis Bay November 7 and November 14 and a home finale against the Norfolk Marines.

One date, November 21, remaines open on the schedule. Negotiation are under way for a game with nearby military installation, according to Lt. Arthur P. Hand, assistant special service officer in charge of athletics.

The Lee team includes seven Negro Stars. Three are included on the first team.

Old Boxing Champs Stick Together

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.



World-Telegram Photo by Greene.

Marine Sgt. Barney Ross (left) and Boatswain's Mate First Class Lou Ambers (right) show Henry Armstrong how they feel about him in his battle with that kid, Ray Robinson, tonight at the Garden. They're all pals, even though Henry took the welter crown from Ross and the lightweight title from Ambers, later losing the 135-pound honors back to Lou.

Inter-Racial Stars Beat Diesels 13-0

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

By Nat Low

POLO GROUNDS, Nov. 7.—Striking through the air in the first and third periods, the Inter-Racial All-Stars yesterday beat the New London Diesels, east coast champions, 13-0, at the Polo Grounds, in a rousing spirited game which was worthy of the cause it was played for.

A crowd of 8,000 cheered lustily as the first mixed Negro - white football team ever to play in the Polo Grounds whipped themselves into shape to lick the favored and strong Diesels.

The game was as well played as the first game of this series in 1941, when the All-Stars lost, 25-23. The victory of the Stars thus evened the series at one game all.

It was a bruising, hectic affair, featuring the kicking of Cush Turner, Negro back from South Carolina State, the passing of Joe Keller, white ace of Roanoke University and the running and passing of famous Clark Hinkle, former-ly of the Green Bay Packers who played for the Diesels.

The Inter-Racial team, resplendent in bright yellow uniforms and gold helmets, took the field with six Negro and five white players.

Manifesting the lack of cohesion which always goes with hastily assembled all-star teams, the Inter-Racials nevertheless were able to click for two beautiful passes for their touchdowns.

Between these aerial scoring thrusts, however, the Diesels fought valiantly and all during the last quarter threatened.

Twice they rolled down to within the All-Star ten-yard line, only to be stopped dead in their tracks as the Stars, heeding the roaring pleas of the crowd, put up a stonewall defense.

The Inter-Racial Stars struck like lightning for their first score midway in the opening period. After the two teams had played each other to a standstill and had been forced to punt on 3rd down, the Stars began to move.

Taking the ball on his own 47, Joe Keller rifled a magnificent, soaring pass to Cush Turner, Negro half back who took it on the Diesels' 35 and lugged it like thunder down the left side to the one yard line where he was hit by Diesel safety man Jim McKenna, and forced to his knees.

With the crowd in an uproar, the first line plunge failed to net anything but one second down, Keller took the ball, hit center like a battering ram, and went over for the score.

Maso Ryan then booted the extra point clear through the cross bars and the All-Stars were ahead 7-0.

The rest of the first half resolved itself into a duel between Clark Hinkle and Vannie Albanese, former Syracuse and Brooklyn Dodger ace who did a lot of running for the Stars.

Hinkle, flashing the form that had made him one of the all time great backs of pro footbal, tore off 6 and 7 yards every time he lugged the ball, which was often.

But the Diesels were unable to keep their offensive going long enough to reach pay dirt.

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In the third period the two teams took to the air. About five minutes after the start of the period, the Stars took the ball on their own 17 and again moved for a touchdown.

Again it was the irrepressible Keller who did it. This time he threw a beauty down the middle to rock Hicks, Negro back from St. Joseph's, who took it over his shoulder and raced down the side lines 76 yards for the touchdown to make the score 13-0. The kick was blocked.

The Diesels, struck back hard in the last period, and succeeded in driving the Stars back. A lovely long pass by Jim McKenna to Jack Perry which started on the Diesels' 25 and went to the Stars' 15 was the start.

But the Stars held with their backs to the goal line and then punted out of danger.

Later the Diesels again took to the air but when they moved into All-Star territory Dolly King, former LIU star, intercepted a pass and ran it 65 yards to the Diesel 17. But the Diesels held and soon the gun went off ending a magnificent game for a magnificent cause — unity of Negro and whites in real democracy.

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

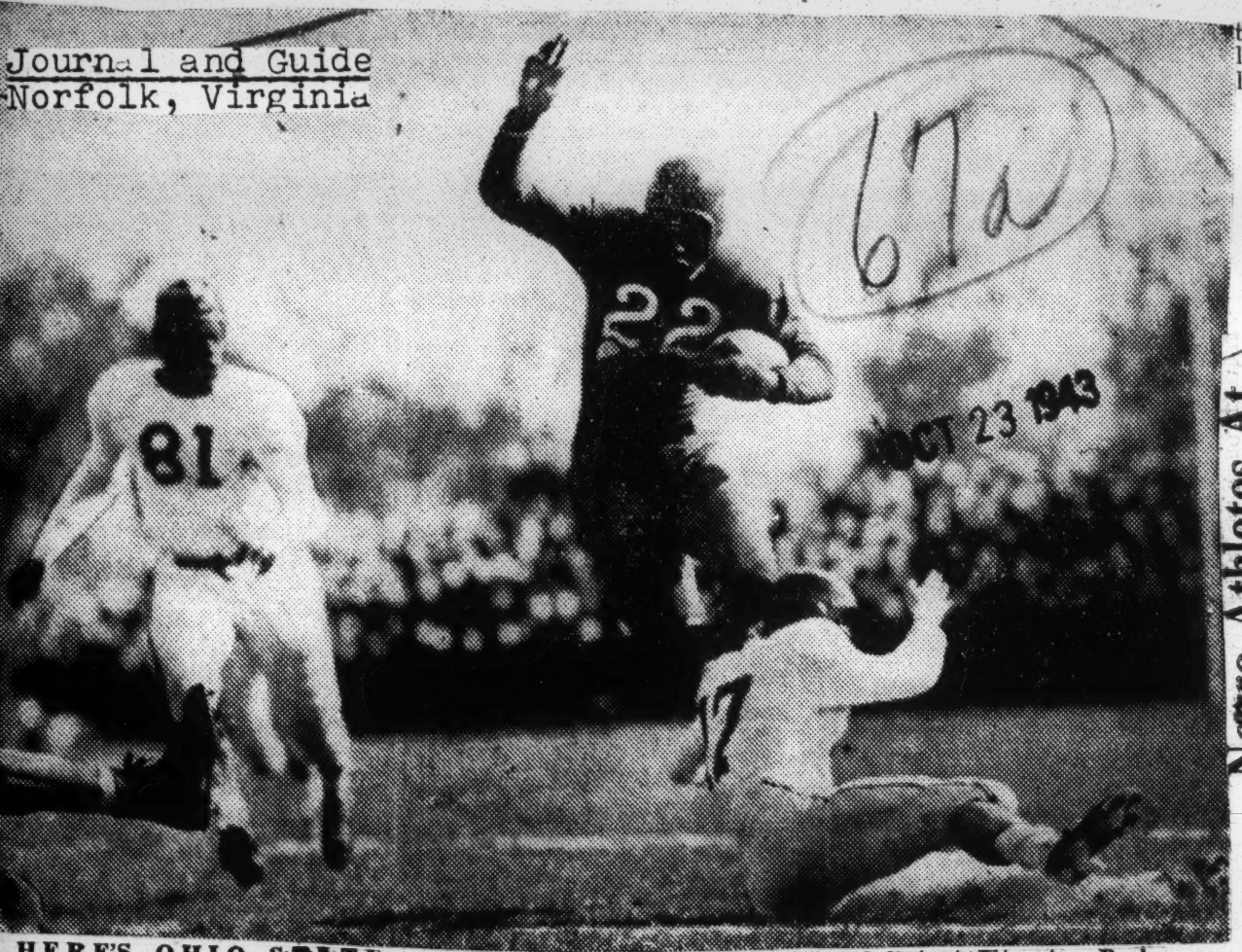
Southern Loop Officials Meet At Morehouse

Members teams of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association are represented here today in annual meeting in Morehouse College by athletic directors, coaches and other officials of the colleges.

The meeting is set for the purpose of completing plans for the Vulcan Bowl game in Birmingham on New Year's Day between Clark and Tuskegee and to make tentative football schedule for next season and those that discontinued the football this season which would hold most of the many important matters which would of the body.

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia



HERE'S OHIO STATE "FIND"—Freshman Ernie Parks, 17-year-old (22) Canton, Ohio, flash starring this year for Ohio State University, is showing how he does it as Emil Sitko, of Great Lakes tries to stop him in a game between the Navy team and the Buckeyes at Great Lakes recently. Parks make 12 yards. He has been a sensation in Western Conference competition this fall. He is the state high school sprint champion. Shown coming in at the left to try to stop Parks is Graham Martin (81) Negro star of the Great Lakes team. Martin is varsity tackle on the Great Lakes team, the first Navy football team to have mixed personnel. The Navy won the game.

Negro Boxers Must Get KO To Win

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia

In Mixed Bouts In Washington

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The conviction is growing among boxing fans here that the only way a Negro gladiator can win in a mixed contest is by the kayo route. This conviction was strengthened Monday night at the Uline arena when in three principal contests, all mixed bouts, the Negro contestants were declared losers on points. The decision in the semi-final of eight rounds was so roundly booed by the fans that the matchmaker immediately matched the contestants for a return bout.

In this contest, Victor Creelman of New York was declared winner over Billy Banks, local welterweight, after eight furious rounds of fighting. It was the 39th straight victory for the New Yorker, but by no means his easiest. Banks made a stirring war of it all hte way. Creelman piled up an advantage in the early rounds, but Billy came on so strongly in the last two rounds there many fans who felt he earned a draw at least. In fact one of the judges voted for a draw. Both boys were marked up when they left the ring. Banks had a "mouse" over his left eye, but Creelman was bleeding profusely from the nose and had a terrific cut under his left optic.

The feature bout of the evening was between Frankie Wills, local welterweight, and Ernest (Cat) Rawlston of New York. Wills got the decision after 10 furious rounds of fighting in exactly the same situation in which Banks had been declared the loser in the precious bout. Wills made a strong finish, winning the last round, though in the early rounds he had been twice knocked down by his Negro opponent. Frankie was nailed with a left hook in the second round which dropped him in a neutral corner. Again in the fifth, the "Cat" tagged Wills with another left hook which put the local gladiator on the dock. He was content to stay close after that round until the very last stanza when he staged the rally which gave him the decision.

The other unfortunate Negro contestant in the Monday night show was Sailor Powell, heavyweight of New York, whose lack of aggressiveness cost him an eight-round decision in a bout with Sailor Eddie White, also of New York.

In the opening contest of four rounds, Bee Bee Washington, of this city, outpointed George Williams of Baltimore. They are lightweights.

Negro Athletes At The University Of Illinois

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia

A conference of far-reaching importance was held in the Office of Dr. H. D. Willis on November 10 between University of Illinois Athletic officials and representative local citizens. A letter of protest by one of the representatives against a rumor of discrimination brought an immediate request from the athletic director, for such a meeting.

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They stated that they had gone out of their way to keep them eligible so that they could participate. One of them had spent time on Chicago's South Side, attempting to persuade Negro athletes to come to the University of Illinois.

It was pointed out that the present administration and staff of coaches, who seem free from prejudice, were the victims of reputed athletic policies of the past. This situation is giving them trouble and making their efforts difficult.

The occasion afforded an opportunity for the exchange of views and the presentation of view points that clarified misunderstandings. All present were convinced of the

Those present: Professor Douglas R. Mills, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; and Head Basketball Coach [illegible] Raymond

The conference should be productive of much good.

Local citizens in Negro athletes

good faith of the University repre-

sentatives, and the interest of the

Beau Jack and Bob Sign for Title Bout

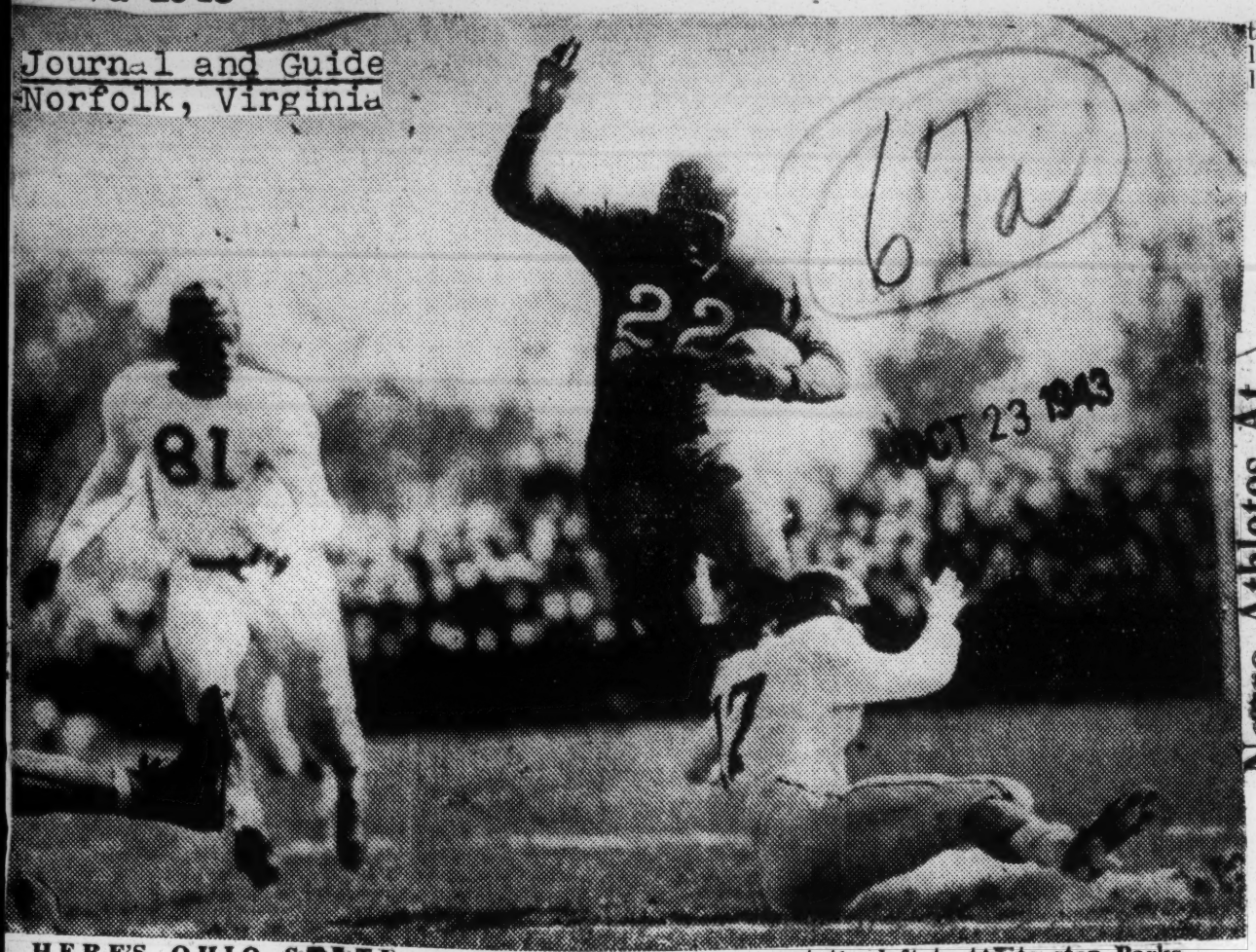


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Norfolk, Virginia



HERE'S OHIO STATE "FIND"—Freshman Ernie Parks, 17-year-old (22) Canton, Ohio, flash starring this year for Ohio State University, is showing how he does it as Emil Sitko, of Great Lakes tries to stop him in a game between the Navy team and the Buckeyes at Great Lakes recently. Parks make 12 yards. He has been a sensation in Western Conference competition this fall. He is the state high school sprint champion. Shown coming in at the left to try to stop Parks is Graham Martin (81) Negro star of the Great Lakes team. Martin is varsity tackle on the Great Lakes team, the first Navy football team to have mixed personnel. The Navy won the game.

Negro Boxers Must Get KO To Win

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia

In Mixed Bouts In Washington

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The conviction is growing among boxing fans here that the only way a Negro gladiator can win in a mixed contest is by the kayo route. This conviction was strengthened Monday night at the Uline arena when in three principal contests, all mixed bouts, the Negro contestants were declared losers on points. The decision in the semi-final of eight rounds was so roundly booed by the fans that the matchmaker immediately matched the contestants for a return bout.

In this contest, Victor Creelman of New York was declared winner over Billy Banks, local welterweight, after eight furious rounds of fighting. It was the 29th straight victory for the New Yorker, but by no means his easiest. Banks made a stirring war of it all hte way. Creelman piled up an advantage in the early rounds, but Billy came on so strongly in the last two rounds there many fans who felt he earned a draw at least. In fact one of the judges voted for a draw. Both boys were marked up when they left the ring. Banks had a "mouse" over his left eye, but Creelman was bleeding profusely from the nose and had a terrific cut under his left optic.

The feature bout of the evening was between Frankie Wills, local welterweight, and Ernest (Cat) Richardson of New York. Wills got the decision after 10 furious rounds of fighting in exactly the same situation in which Banks had been declared the loser in the precious bout. Wills made a strong finish, winning the last round, though in the early rounds he had been twice knocked down by his Negro opponent. Frankie was nailed with a left hook in the second round which dropped him in a neutral corner. Again in the fifth, the "Cat" tagged Wills with another left hook which put the local gladiator on the dock. He was content to stay close after that round until the very last stanza when he staged the rally which gave him the decision.

The other unfortunate Negro contestant in the Monday night show was [illegible] Powell, heavyweight of New York, whose lack of aggressiveness cost him an eight-round decision in a bout with Sailor Eddie White, also of New York.

In the opening contest of four rounds, Bee Bee Washington, of this city, outpointed George Williams of Baltimore. They are lightweights.

Negro Athletes At The University Of Illinois

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia

A conference of far-reaching importance was held in the Office of Dr. H. D. Willis on November 10 between University of Illinois Athletic officials and representative local citizens. A letter of protest by one of the representatives against a rumor of discrimination brought an immediate request from the athletic director, for such a meeting.

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They stated that they had gone out of their way to keep them eligible so that they could participate. One of them had spent time on Chicago's South Side, attempting to persuade Negro athletes to come to the University of Illinois.

It was the judgment of [illegible] that the present administration and staff of coaches, who seem free from prejudice, were the victims of repeated athletic policies of the past. This situation is giving them trouble and making their efforts difficult.

The occasion afforded an opportunity for the exchange of views and the presentation of view points that clarified misunderstandings. All present were convinced of 'the

Those present: Professor Douglas R. Mills, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and Head Basketball Coach [illegible] Raymond

Beau Jack and Bob Sign for Title Bout



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Elliot, Head Football Coach; Mr. Leo T. Johnson, Head Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach; Dr. H. D. Ellis, R. M. Scott, Richard R. Edwards, Dr. L. P. Diffay, Cecil Pope, Alvin G. Foxwell, Albert M. Lee, Leslie A. Jamerson, Albert B. Lee.



HEY, JUDGE LANDIS! just in case you'd like to supplement your observations about there being no law, etc here's proof that ball players of different races can get along in perfect harmony and fraternity. Shown above is Tommy Hughes of the [illegible] leagues mind you, Judge) and Ray Brown of the Champion Homestead Grays at an exhibition game which the Grays won, incidentally.



By Joe Williams

Rickey Favors Four Teams For Camp Tour

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World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

Brother Branch Rickey agrees with this department that if baseball can assemble two all-star teams to tour the camps, it can go further and assemble four. Two for overseas games and two for American presentation.

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"The principle and the purpose are the same," says the Brother. "To bring to the youngsters in uniform a form of diversion which they cannot get and which they greatly need. If it's important that this need be met overseas—and it is—then it's just as important that it be met in the home camps. Your boy and my boy can get just as homesick in a far-off Oregon camp as he can in a Sicily barracks."

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The Brother, of course, makes sense, as he almost always does. There are spectacular qualities in the impending overseas adventure, but for practical results a tour of the American camps would be better; for each single serviceman who would see the games overseas, 25, possibly 50, would see them over here. The happy solution would be four teams instead of two and this could be done easily. Once again Judge Landis is in a position to make an exciting and delightful contribution to the war program by doing twice as much as the servicemen and the public have been led to anticipate. We'd like to feel optimistic that this will be done. But baseball's executive record for enterprise, imagination and leadership in this war does not encourage such a feeling.

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It becomes increasingly evident that it is a mistake to send young fighters into the ring against their old idols. This creates a situation which places too great a strain on friendship. The young fighter is torn between two emotions: (a) a tender consideration for his old idol; (b) his own standing as an artist. The result is almost unfailing. The fight is a stinker. The addicts are swindled. That's what happened when Beau Jack met Henry Armstrong, though they did manage to make it look pretty good, and the critics for the most part were tolerant. Armstrong was not only the Beau's idol but the Beau modeled his fighting style after the triple-crowner. To expect these two would go to it in the hammer and tongs manner was to be excessively naive. They didn't, either.

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Ray Robinson was even more considerate against his old idol the other night. He led and landed just often enough to give the proceedings a faint color of authenticity. His old idol had gone back so far that he could expect little and got no co-operation. It was a tough job trying to maintain the illusion of a contest. In his efforts to do so Robinson went to grotesque extremes by holding and clinching with an opponent who was utterly harmless. The purpose of these tactics was, of course, to give Armstrong the pause that refreshes. The addicts, as usual, were the losers. They were swindled again and this time to the ornate tune of $16.50 tops.

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There is good reason to suspect this was a calculated conspiracy. Robinson was making his last professional appearance for the duration. Nobody realized better than Armstrong how truly bad he was, so he must have known this was going to be his last fight for all time. Incredible as it may sound, it is nonetheless true that Promoter Mike Jacobs was clubbed into charging $16.50 for the fight by the two rival managers. Tickets at $11 tops (approximately $10.95 more than the fight was worth at that) had actually been printed when the managers presented their demands on the threat of taking the fight elsewhere. In normal times Jacobs would have been able to handle the situation in his own direct way, but these are not normal times and Jacobs has no cards and he is obligated to a radio outfit to produce a certain number of fights during the year. The more you examine the setup the more apparent it becomes that the fighters and their handlers were determined to make their exit as financially profitable as possible. At the same time this does not excuse Jacobs. The addicts aren't interested in his promotional problems or his radio obligations. He was just as much a part of the conspiracy, if one existed, as the others. The general fight situation being what it is, it might be all for the best if Jacobs closed up shop for the duration.

By Tom Meany



Objections to Bout Between [illegible] and Ray Don't Hold Any Water

PM
New York, N. Y.

Henry Armstrong's battle with Sugar Ray Robinson at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night has all the elements of a good fight, particularly for these times when the bottom of the boxing barrel has been scraped. It could be one of the best matches of the season. Nevertheless, it has three knocks against it so far, the price ($16.50), the hint that Robinson will be soft-hearted toward Hank and the implication that Armstrong is washed up and is risking permanent injuries through remaining in action.

Let's examine these beefs and see how solid they are. The first is the price and there is nothing can be done about that. Judged by any but inflationary standards, Mike Jacobs is putting the big a bite on the customers. That, however, is Mike [illegible] supposed to have his finger on the pulse of the boxing public and if he can get away with it, more power to him. If he's making a mistake, it will show in the receipts, which is where it would hurt Mike most.

That Robinson will be inclined to go easy with Armstrong because both are Negroes is an unjust accusation, with nothing in the records to back it up. Certainly Bob Montgomery didn't go easy with Beau Jack when he beat the bowl-o-him to take the title, nor was Jack pulling any punches when he tangled with Armstrong earlier in the Winter. They said the same thing a few years ago when Joe Louis squared off against John Henry Lewis and John Henry thought the roof fell in in the very first round. He lasted only a few seconds longer with Joe than did Max Schmeling, the only fighter against whom Louis ever felt any personal animosity. So you can forget about the second rap against the bout.

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Peculiar Heart Action

has a peculiar heart action, which results in his heart rmal pace after he has fought five or six rounds. It is at Henry indulges in dressing room calesthenics before

ey, who was in Henry's dressing room at the Garden ght in 1938 when Armstrong pounded Barney Ross into he Negro did a full 15 rounds of shadowboxing before

as a fading veteran, it can't be said that Armstrong n the dressing room. He just warms them up in there.

Armstrong Still Well-Conditioned

As to Armstrong being washed up, it goes without saying that he isn't the fighter he was five years ago, any more than Hitler is. Henry is still a well-conditioned athlete, going on 31, and with no hint that he's headed toward Queer Street or that he hears the ringing of bells which aren't there. He's intelligent and knows what he's doing, which is fighting for the purpose of amassing sufficient funds to branch out on his own with a stable of fighters.

Tom Laird, for years sports editor of the San Francisco *News*, was the first person I ever heard mention Armstrong's name, just as

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Mixed Soldier Team Drops Opener to Brooklyn Dodgers

Washington Tribune Washington, D. C.

SEP 5 1943

By Pvt. C Melvin Patrick

Although outscored four touchdowns to one, the Camp Lee All-Stars, a mixed team representing the Quartermaster Replacement Center of Camp Lee, Va., proved their mettle under fire when they engaged the famous Brooklyn Dodgers, of the National Pro League, in the initial tilt of the 1943 season here Sunday.

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The Dodgers, sparked by the brilliant running of Kenneth Hieneman, George Cafego, and the illustrious Reg Manders, scored on the soldiers six minutes after the game was underway when Manders crashed over from the five for the initial touchdown. Bruiser Kinard, one of the Pro League's all-time extra point producers, added the extra point.

The Dodgers shook Hieneman away on a 33 yard jaunt for the second touchdown. Kinard again kicked the extra point. Al House, former Harrisburgh Trogan star, brought the 13,000 soldiers, fans and Camp guests to their feet as he capitulated into the Dodgers backfield to stop the fast running Merle Condit on the opening play of the second period.

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Football in all its fury broke loose when the soldiers, in the waning minutes of the first half, outplayed the Dodgers to tally their lone touchdown. This score came after superb line play of Howard Gentry, former All-American tackle from Florida A. and M., Mitchell Olenski, former Alabama Crimson Tide star, David Hood, former center from Alabama A. and M., who by the way played the entire sixty minutes, Al House and Lt. Robert Linderberg, former Minnesota star, and a 15 yard penalty against the Dodgers for holding. Dean McAdams stepped behind his goal line to boot one sixty yards out and into the arms of Earl Rowe, the soldiers' Negro left halfback, from Akron University. Rowe reversed his field twice before dashing 45 yards up the right sideline to the Dodgers' five yard marker. James Cousart, former Villanova full back, tossed a neat five yard pass to Alexander Peterson to score.

The Pros quickly came back to life when a poor kick by Percy Waldvogel was blocked on the soldiers' five where Bobby Holmela, Dodger substitute, retrieved the ball and raced over to tally. Kennard again converted for the extra point.

Coach Spivey then sent in Barney Euell, nationally known track star, to catch one of Cousart's long passes. Euell outdistanced the field barely missing the toss by inches.

The camp team, the first mixed one of its kind at Camp Lee, is coachhed by Lt. Marshall Spivey, of Texas A. and M. fame, and Pvt. Warren Casey, All-American performer from Howard College.

Dodgers	7	7	0	14	—28
Camp Lee	0	6	6	6	— 6

Alert Pilot Lands Shans Garden Bout

AUG 17 1943

World-Telegram New York, N. Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Less than an hour after Cleo Shans was paired with Bobby Ruffin for Friday's fill-in feature at the Garden the little Negro, last heard from on the Pacific Coast, walked onto the local scene. How did he do it? He didn't, it was the doing of Manager Pete Reilly, one of the alert minds of the business.

Sunday, when word got around Stillman's Gym that Sal Bartolo was suffering from a boil on his right forearm, Reilly, resting at his Bay Ridge mansion, received a phone call from Trainer Dan Florio.

Pete, the silver fox, pressed Dan for complete details. Another call and Reilly was sure that Bartolo would not be able to fight Friday even though Sal made a brave effort to stay in the picture by training yesterday.

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Shans, who has a bout on with Dave Castilloux at Montreal, was due east some time this week anyway. Reilly decided it wouldn't hurt to have him around early just in case, so he phoned Shans to grab a midnight plane from Los Angeles.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Matchmaker Nat Rogers asked Reilly if Shans could substitute. Pete pretended it was all new to him, saying, "I hope I can get him here in time," but in three quarters of an hour there was a phone call for Reilly at the Twentieth Century S. C. Pete double-talked for a minute and then put Rogers on.

A big smile crept over the normally dour countenance of the matchmaker, for the voice on the other end had said: "This is Cleo talking, I'm at La Guardia Field."

NBA Ready to Call Terranova Champ.

Abe J. Greene, NBA president today said his organization was glad to accept Phil Terranova, the bombing Bronxite, as its new featherweight champion following his eighth-round knockout of Jackie Callura last night at New Orleans. The ailing Sal Bartolo is No. 1 on the NBA contenders' list, Greene added.

Tippy Larkin, who meets Harry Teaney at the Garden Friday, tonight makes amends for last week's runout at MacArthur Stadium by facing Ruby Garcia in a special offering on the regular card, which features a pair of ten round bouts, Steve Belloise of the Navy vs. Milo Theodorescu and Joe Agosta vs. Sonny Wilson.

A repeat edition of a Garden fight is on top tonight at Queensboro Arena, where Pvt. Marvin Bryant will try to even matters with Sailor Sonny Horne in eight rounds.

Arrivals tomorrow will be Henry Armstrong and Matchmaker Larry Atkins of Cleveland. . . . Hank comes in, hoping that Cpl. Ray Robinson will be able to go through with their scheduled date at the Garden a week from Friday. . . . On army orders, Robinson broke camp at Greenwood Lake, N. Y. yesterday and reported at Ft. Meade, Md., from where Sgt. Joe Louis' caravan of the camps will begin. . . . With Angel Lopez the angel behind Chris Dundee, it appears this team is all set for a promotional season at St. Nick's. . . . Heavyweight Saint Thomas, who got off the floor to send Danny Cox to the canvas, should have come up with the decision last night at the new Lido Arena but had to be satisfied with an eight-round draw. . . They'll meet in ten on Aug. 31. . . . Next Monday's card pairs Manuel Rosa with Gene Buffalo and Phil Norman and Cocoa Kid.

Eddie Younger, Negro Kid, Newest LIU Basketball Ace

Daily Worker New York N. Y.

By Phil Gordon

Big scores are no novelty with LIU's basketball teams, but the 63 to 47 triumph over the Brooklyn Army Base with which the Blackbirds opened the new season the other night claims special attention for it appears to have introduced a new star. Diminutive, but lightning last Eddie Younger bagged 20 points, a performance that gives him the jump on the metropolitan field and suggests that he is going to be one of this year's Madison Square Garden headliners.

Actually, it shouldn't surprise local observers, for Younger played fine basketball in flashes last year. Clair Bee (now Lieut. Commander, U. S. N. R.) tabbed the Negro speedster as an exceptional prospect then, but a stubborn knee injury prevented the youngster from fulfilling the promises made for him. It impaired his speed, and of course that was the playing qualification that made him a standout as a high school player at Benjamin Franklin High.

Apparently, the injury is now fully mended and he is ready to step. Obviously he will be a tremendous asset to his new coach, George "Red" Wolf, who like most of the local mentors, has had to build a new team this year. Incidentally, two of the freshman newcomers, Al Bair and Mike Bystura also played brilliantly in the opener and appear to have won starting places in the lineup.

The Blackbirds will make their Madison Square Garden debut next Tuesday night (Dec. 14) when with City College they will attempt to repulse the first invasion of the outland basketball forces. The Birds are paired with the Brigham Young Cougars, and the City Beavers, with their perennial opening night rivals, the Oklahoma Aggies. In last year's opener, LIU beat the Cougars 43 to 40, and of course Coach Wolfe's objective is to improve on that performance.

Both the local teams will tune up for the Garden tests with games over the weekend. The Blackbirds play the Camp Shanks quintet in the Pharmacy Gym tomorrow (Friday night) and the Beavers are hooked up in a tough one on Saturday, when they engage the Ellis Island Coast Guard array, headed by "Fuzzy" Levane, last year's St. John's captain.

Tuskegee Women Second In Women's A.A.U. Meet

Defender Chicago, Ill.

AUG 21 1943

CLEVELAND. — Tuskegee's [illegible] see star, won two firsts [illegible] tured the 50 meters in 6.5 seconds—[illegible]-tenth off the record. She won [illegible] National A.A.U. the high jump at five feet. She won [illegible] and field champions pressed Miss Walsh in the 100 [illegible] here Sunday, Aug. meats and what looked like a dead [illegible] Olympic Women's heat was decided in favor of the [illegible] this city, white girl and the time was 11:6 [illegible] star, is the seconds to tie the American wom- [illegible] The Tuskegee relay team was [illegible] to help her club of Toronto, Canada. [illegible] total while Miss Walsh had a total of 30 [illegible] points for her day's work. Miss [illegible] 77½. Tuskegee total was 77½ points. Miss Alice Coachman, the Tuske-Coachman's total was 28.

Dr. C. B. Powell Named N. Y. Boxing Commission

Defender Chicago, Ill.

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Until now Dr. Powell's interest in boxing has been that of a spectator. He counts Sgt. Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong among his warm friends.

Dr. Powell, 48 years old, became identified with the Amsterdam News in 1935. He is married, lives at 402 W. 153rd street and has no children. He is 5 feet, 11 inches and weighs 180 pounds. Besides his newspaper activities, Dr. Powell is president of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance company, and has other business interests.

Among the many Negro candidates for the job were Harry Wills, former heavyweight and persistent

NEW YORK—Dr. C. B. Powell, editor and co-publisher of the Amsterdam News-Star will be the first Negro to sit on the New York boxing board.

Named by Governor Dewey to fill the place of Bill Brown, white, a member of the New York State Athletic Commission, Dr. Powell is the best known X-ray authorities upon his new assignment of being one of his race.

He is a graduate of Howard University and has served on the staffs of Bellevue and Harlem hospitals.

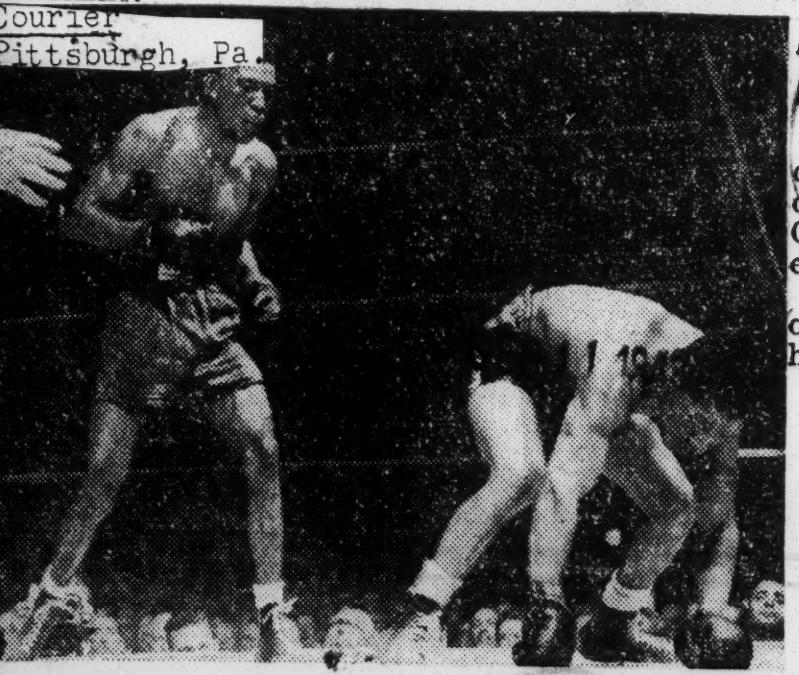
PRINCIPALS AFTER SIGNING YESTERDAY FOR TITLE BOUT HERE

New York Times
New York, N. Y.



Beau Jack (left) shaking hands with Bob Montgomery, lightweight champion, at the offices of the New York State Athletic Commission. Seated, left to right: Commissioners Col. D. Walker Wear, Gen. John J. Phelan and C. B. Powell. Standing are Chick Wergeles, manager of Beau Jack; Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, where the fighters will meet on Sept. 10, and Frankie Thomas, manager of Montgomery.

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Bob Montgomery beating Beau Jack last May in Madison Square Garden for the lightweight title. Montgomery will defend his crown against Jack again Friday night.

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"SMITTY'S" Sports Spurts

By WENDELL SMITH



Associated Press

Beau Jack One of the Most Remarkable Fighters In the Ring; Rose from a Caddie to a Champion

Little Beau Jack, the "Sweetheart of Savannah," who quit toting golf bags to become the lightweight champion of the world, will try to regain his title in Madison Square Garden Friday night when he faces Philly's Bob Montgomery, the current champion.

Whether he wins or loses, Beau Jack will remain one of boxing's most remarkable characters. He came swinging his way up out of Savannah with nothing more than a lot of courage and a wild left-hook. Blessed with the financial support of a group of men for whom he formerly caddied, the Beau came along just at the time the lightweight division needed some new blood. He gave the division a transfusion . . . and in less than two years earned more than $100,000. That's a lot of cabbage for a boy who didn't have more than one penny to rub against another when he made his bow in the North.

Beau Jack scored his first big victory when he knocked out Allie Stolz. Jack scored that victory the same day the lightweight king, Sammy Angott, retired, and immediately became the "most logical choice" as Anngott's successor.

Jack went on to win the title and then lost it to Bob Montgomery in a sizzling 15-round bout.

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Montgomery's Rise to Fistic Fame Was a Tough Struggle, But He's a Real Champ

It took Bob Montgomery a long time to win the lightweight championship of the world, but he's a real champion, and Beau Jack is going to have a difficult time regaining his crown Friday night. It took Bob six years to ascend the royal throne, and he did it after all of his friends said he was through as a contender. The only persons I know who never lost faith in Bob's ability was Jack Saunders and Al Dunmore, Courier scribes in Philly. They both kept saying that Bob would one day sit upon the throne of the mighty. And . . . the "Bobcat" came through for them. He surprised everyone by beating Beau Jack, much to the rejoicing of Dunmore and Saunders.

Two years ago Bob was a tonsillectomy victim. He lost his old zip and a non-title bout to Champion Sammy Angott. Later he evened the score with Angott but looked like an amateur when he took a terrific lacing from Maxie Shapiro. After that loss, Bob went to a hospital and had his tonsils jerked, and from that time on, he came back fast.

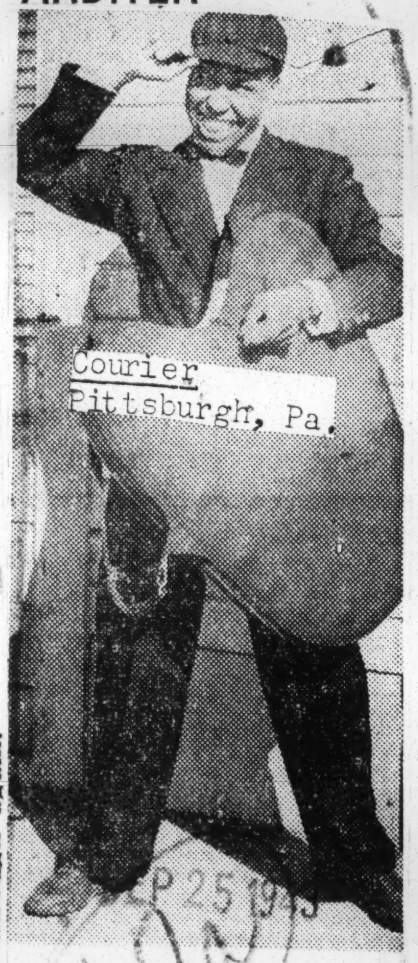
He went on to beat Shapiro, Chester Rico, Lulu Costantino, Ramon Alvarez, Gene Johnson and Henry Vasquez. Then he made his bid for the lightweight title aganist Beau Jack.

Born February 10, 1919, near Sumter, S.C., Bob worked in the cotton and tobacco fields in Dixie.

Before Bob got a chance to wear the coveted crown himself, he fought five non-title bouts. Only once did he emerge victorious when the title was not at stake. But

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Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.



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Emmett Ashford, above, highly capable Los Angeles playground department umpire, who is the sole member of his race holding down such a job. He acted as umpire-in-chief for the city-wide industrial league play-offs.—Cutler Photo.

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Negro Baseball Players In Major Leagues Urged In Resolution Of United Furniture Workers Union

Age
New York, N. Y.

The United Furniture Workers of America, CIO, in a letter here this week made public a resolution passed at their Third National Convention calling for Negro baseball players in major leagues as a credit to our national sport . . . and an expression of the democracy we are fighting for." The resolution was one of several dealing with the question of discrimination, passed by the Convention at its recent meeting in Cleveland.

The Furniture Workers have carried on a vigorous fight to abolish discrimination in employment, which has benefited many thousands of Negro and other minority group workers. The Convention likewise endorsed a plan for an extensive organizing drive in the South which will bring better working conditions to thousands of Negro and white wage earners in the furniture industry, and unite them with the organized labor movement in its fight for victory in the war.

Complete text of the Resolution on "Negro Baseball Players in Major Leagues" follows:

"We are fighting a war so that democracy will survive and freedom will be enjoyed by all the people of the world. To win this war we must heighten the morale and the unity of all sections of the population. Racial discrimination is a source of disunity and demoralization and the practice thereof in America plays into the hands of the reactionaries of this country who are opposed to the win-the-war program.

"Thousands of petitions have been signed by baseball fans all ove: the country condeming the practice of discrimination barring Negro baseball players from the major leagues. Many prominent baseball players and managers have indicated their desire to abolish this discrimination. Major league baseball players have been inducted into the armed forces and there are vacancies and opportunities to engage many star Negro players of recognized ability. It is a notable fact that Negroes have excelled in many sports such as boxing, track, basketball, etc.

"We believe that the participation of Negroes in major league baseball would not only be a credit to our national sport but would enhance the morale of all people in the conduct of this war and would be an expression of the democracy we are fighting for."

CROWD OF 8,000 SEES TUSKEGEE TROUNCE WEST VIRGINIA IN DETROIT

Globe and Independent

Alva Tabor And Mates By One-Sided Score Of 42 To 6, Humiliate "Yellow Jackets" At University Stadium

Nashville, Tenn.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 6—Playing brilliantly before 8,000 fans here today at University of Detroit Stadium, Tuskegee Golden Tigers, sparked by Alva Tabor, Otis Head, James Burton, Homer Griggs and Albert Crawford, defeated West Virginia State College 42 to 6.

Tuskegee roared over two touchdowns in the first half and four in the second for a total of six markers, which was more than enough to wallop the boys from Institute.

Although Alva Tabor, Tuskegee's great passing quarterback did not score a touchdown, he did score three extra points and was generally responsible for the rout that left the Yellow Jackets hanging on the ropes by the end of the third quarter.

While the Tigers were pounding away at West Virginia's goal line throughout the first half, the Mountaineers were putting up a gallant but vain fight. They held the Alabama team to two scores in the first half, which was a feat in itself, but they couldn't maintain the pace and Tuskegee smashed through for four more and a safety in the second stanza.

Tuskegee scored early in the first quarter after Rex Pleasant had romped 6 yards around end from his own 11 and fumbled. The Tigers recovered and converted the West Virginia error into a touchdown. Homer Griggs plowed through the line on the first play from the 17 to the West Virginia 5 yard line. On the next play Otis went over for the initial touchdown and Tabor booted the extra point.

West Virginia's lone score came in the second quarter when Captain Bob Davis, the Mountaineers' flashy end, broke through and intercepted Tabor's pass on the Tuskegee 18 yard line and romped across the goal line untouched.

Although Pleasant's extra point place-kick was wide, West Virginia was really in the ball game. It looked at that time as though the 'Jackets' might give Tuskegee a tough battle.

Holding a narrow 7 to 6 margin, Tuskegee struck back again near the end of the first half. Starting on the West Virginia 43, Tuskegee's back, running from the famed 'T' formation, moved the ball to the West Virginia 29 in five plays. After he had galloped from the 38 to the 29 on a quick-opening play through tackle, Tabor cocked his trusty right arm and heaved a 10-yard pass to Al Crawford, who galloped the remaining distance for the score. Tabor's pass for conversion was incomplete and Early in the third period, Tuskegee scored again after recovering a fumble on West Virginia's 23. Homer Griggs shot through tackle on the first play and ran the distance for the score. Tabor booted his second place-kick and the Tigers led 20 to 6.

Tuskegee scored a safety not long after the kick-off when Madison of West Virginia tried to kick from the 8-yard line and the boot was blocked. He recovered the ball over the goal line, but Tuskegee got credit for the effort and led 22 to 6.

In the fourth period Tuskegee recovered a West Virginia fumble on the Jacket's [illegible] and six plays later, Crawford took a lateral from Tabor and ran 18 yards for the score. Tabor booted the extra point to make it 29 to 6.

In the final five minutes, Tuskegee scored twice. Lindorf Blakely threw a 33-yard pass to Ulysses Washington for the fifth touchdown and later Blakely heaved a 26-yard pass to Pernell Miller, lanky terminal, for the sixth and final touchdown of the game. Blakeley plunged for the extra point to give Tuskegee a well earned 42 to 6 victory.

Although the 'Jackets' were only in the ball game once, they tried to come back time and again. With Waite Madison, Rex Pleasant and Bob Davis in high gear, the West Virginia team looked stronger than it actually was. With the exception of the touchdown scored by Captain Davis, the Jackets lacked offensive punch. They were only able to get within the 10-yard stripe one, late in the final quarter and they were stopped then.

The game was played before a colorful crowd under overcast skies and the Alabama team left quite an impression when they left Detroit with another pigskin scalp tied to their gold and green belts.

Tuskegee		West Virginia
Jones	LE	Jeffries
Augustus	LT	Burthey
Milland	LG	Hurst
Bowman	C	Houston
Woods	RG	Swanson
Mayberry	RT	Coles
Miller	RE	Davis
Tabor	QB	Madison
Griggs	LH	Law
Head	RH	Green
Burton	FB	Pleasant

Tuskegee	7	6	9	20	—42
West Virginia	0	6	0	0	— 6

Touchdowns:

Tuskegee—Crawford (2); Miller, Head, Griggs, Washington. West Virginia—Davis.

Extra points—Tabor (3; Blakeley.

Safety—Madison (West Virginia).

Officials: Mel Whedbee, Fisk, referee; Taliaferro, Worcester, umpire; Willis Ward, Michigan, linesman; Henry A. Kean, [illegible], field judge.

Negro team has already been tremendous among sports writers, baseball men, fans and trade unionists.

Such a game as the one called for by Woodward would be a smashing reaffirmation of the democratic spirit and would be just the thing needed to crush the rise of fascist-inspired pogroms against the Negro people.

The Worker
New York, N. Y.

WOULD DRAW RECORD CROWD

LOW DOWN —

Negro-White All-Star Great Idea to Be Supported by ALL Fans

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In last Sunday's issue of the **Herald Tribune**, sports editor Stanley Woodward ended his column with this paragraph:

How would Judge Landis like to bring his 1943 All-Star team to New York to play Satchel Paige and Co., for the Tribune Fresh Air Fund and the USO?"

The Tribune sports columnist has hit upon an idea which cannot help but be applauded by millions of baseball fans in every part of the country. Reactions to his call for an all-star game between a white major league team and a

Such a game, played most probably at the Yankee Stadium, would draw a crowd of record proportions. Negro and white fans would pack the place and the enthusiasm, would draw a democratic feeling engendered by such an incalcuable.

The Daily Worker talked to Mr. Woodward on the phone and asked him if concrete plans were being laid to do all in his power to get the game under way. Woodward said he was getting in touch with Judge K. M. Landis on the matter and would

Woodward, however, made clear that there would be opposition to such an idea and agreed that pressure from fans and newspapers would be needed to make the game a reality.

The game envisioned by the Tribune sports editor would bring together the greatest stars of the white major leagues and the Negro major leagues for the first time anywhere in our country. It would be the first time in the long history of baseball that such a game would be played.

Negro teams have played with and against any number of white major league stars but never officially. Out on the west coast such games are commonplace in the autumn. Negro teams have played dozens of contests with teams headed by Roger Hornsby, Dizzy Dean and Jimmy Foxx. Paige himself, the greatest of all Negro hurlers, has played some 50 games against these major league nines and has won a great majority of them. It was through these games, incidentally, that many thousands of white baseball fans and baseball players came to realize for the first time the true greatness of Negro Stars. After playing against them, such major league aces as Mel Ott, Carl Hubbel, Arkie Vaughan, Jimmy Foxx, Johnny Vander Meer and many, many others were quick to speak out for the entrance of Negroes in to the major leagues.

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Here's What You Can Do!

Do you want to see such a great game become a reality? Here's what you can do. Write, wire and visit Judge Landis now. Urge him to support the idea of Woodward and the New York Herald Tribune. . . . Get your union to go on record for such a game. Get your Congressman and Senator to do the same. Start the ball rolling for the game, which will do more than anything else to cement the friendship and understanding and unity between the peoples of our country.

Joe Louis Given Permission To Attend Vulcan Bowl Game

Birmingham, Ala.
News

Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, Thursday was given permission by his commanding officer to attend the Vulcan Bowl football game which gets under way at Rickwood Park Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Announcement that Louis, a sergeant in the Army, had been given permission to attend was made Thursday night by Vulcan Bowl officials.

Clark College, of Atlanta, victors over Tuskegee in an earlier game by a 7-0 margin, is generally regarded as a slight underdog in the near tossup match with Tuskegee. The contest gives Birmingham fans one of the few chances they have had this season of seeing a heavyweight college grid battle. Over 5,000 seats have been set for white fans, and weather, whatever it may be, will not be a bigter consideration under the covered stands at Rickwood.

The Golden Tigers, of Tuskegee, arrived in Birmingham Friday morning 30 strong, and Clark College was due to arrive soon after with 25 to 30 players ready for action.

Clark will rely heavily on the running, passing and kicking of David (Rough House) Harper, who sparked the Panthers to their October victory over the Golden Tigers. Harper forms a threatening combination with Capt. Zelma Barbee, who plays at end and is on the receiving end of many of Harper's aerials.

Tuskegee is certain to put on a fancy aerial show when Quarterback Alva Tabor, the Tigers' sure-shot passing ace, turns loose with his specialty.

Tuskegee showed remarkable improvement in its last appearances of the season, developing such stars as Capt. Carter Bowman, center, and Otis Head at halfback. Unless Bowman has developed much more power than displayed in the first meeting with Clark, he is in for a tough afternoon, for Clark Center Othello Renfroe, who almost singlehandedly wrecked many of the Tiger offenses, will be on hand for a repeat performance.

Bands from Parker, Fairfield, Rosedale and Lincoln High School are to furnish music at the game and in the street parade slated for Saturday morning in downtown Birmingham.

Probable starting lineups:

Clark—Capt. Zelma Barbee, left end; George Williams, left tackle; Curtis Johnson, left guard; Othello Renfroe, center; Mock Bolton, right guard; John Smith, right tackle; Talmadge Owens, right end; Sam Hatchett, quarterback; Reginald Hay[illegible], halfback; Weathers, halfback; and David Harper, fullback.

Tuskegee—Charles Smith, left end; Thomas Augustus, left tackle; Walter Woods, left guard; Carter Bowman, captain, center; Herman Mabrie, right guard; Clarence Mayberry, right tackle; Pernell Miller, right end; Alva Tabor, quarterback; Homer Griggs, left halfback; Otis Head, right halfback; James Burton, fullback.

UAW-CIO Sports Director Says, Jim Crow Must Go

The Worker
New York, N. Y.

DETROIT.—Johnny Gallo, recreational director for the world's largest local—Ford 600, UAW-CIO, in a signed article in "Ford Facts," the local paper, blasted Jim Crow in baseball as opposed to the fundamental principles for which American soldiers are dying and fighting.

He expresses the conviction that the fight against Jim Crow in the major leagues can be "won in a short time if a whirlwind campaign is launched . . . by the mighty trade unions, who are keeping them 'Rolling, sailing and flying' against the biggest Jim Crower of them all, Adolph Hitler."

The article in full follows:

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"We know that by not allowing Negro players to engage in the greatest national pastime of America, in organized baseball, we are hindering not only the great game of baseball but helping to cause disunity among the people of America in its greatest fight for freedom and democracy.

"The present world conflict in which our country is playing so vital a role is being fought among other reasons to establish the principle that all men are created equal and to finally put an end to discrimination against people because of race, color or creed. The prohibition against the participation of Negro baseball players on teams is against that principle for which our nation is fighting and for which our men are dying, bleeding and suffering in the struggle against the barbaric enemy of the whole world.

"Baseball, like everything else that is a part of the American heritage, would not exist one day under the iron heel of Hitler and his criminal stooges in Japan. Those in the top circles of baseball must be made to realize that they will not be tolerated any more. We have nothing but hatred for the "business as usual" phonies who are more interested in making profits than in their country and people when we are fighting for our very existence.

"The disgraceful continuance of the Jim Crow ban on the Negro stars has too long darkened this national pastime. American people are demanding even more loudly and sharply that all forms of discrimination be completely wiped out of American life.

"The fight against Jim Crow in the major leagues can be won in a short time if a whirlwind campaign is launched against those responsible for the ban on Negro stars. Leading this fight must be the mighty trade unions who are keeping them "Rolling, sailing, flying" to win the war against the biggest Jim Crower of them all, Adolph Hitler."

Beau Jack's Knee Has Lost Its Trick

PM

There are many things to consider about Friday night's 15-round lightweight [illegible] between Beau Jack and the champion, Bob Montgomery of Philly. In fact, there are so many things I'll run through only a few of them today and save the rest for later.

First of all: Make no mistake about Bob—he'll be tough to crack. He was tough even before he became champion and say what you will, but that does things to a fighter—all good.

Montgomery is the fellow they to do no roadwork whatsoever for him when he chased the fight. In fact, it was only with



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THE WASHINGTON SCENE

By **Edgar Brown**

Washington, D. C.

(The opinions expressed by this columnist do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Washington Tribune.—The Editor)

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Jim Crow Washington

Washington Tribune

Chester Adams, star half back of Boys' Town Football Squad, arrived last week and became the most murderously treated visitor to his nation's capital. Despite his unholy welcome to the present home of President Roosevelt, within 24 hours at Griffith Stadium, he was acclaimed the undisputed hero and favorite of 12,000 football fans. Most of them were from Gonzales High School, all white Catholic institution, whose robed hierarchy were thrown into spasms by the thought that the Boys' Team had a colored halfback, who Father Flanigan insisted, must stay in the line-up, even in Jim Crow Washington. But, this holy man of Boys' Town failed to measure up to going the second or first mile against Democratic bigotry and good old lousy American prejudice when the new Statler Hotel barred Chester Adams from being registered with his teammates, with whom he plays and sleeps all the time in Nebraska. Boys' Town would have been worthy of a monument beside Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in the capital of the nation, along the banks of the Potomac if they had called off the game and returned to Nebraska, or immediately left the Statler Hotel with their whole party and asked for quarters at the Boys' Club on U Street or tents to be pitched in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, even if the great World War II President resorted to another shot gun party such as the bonus army encountered back in the 30s.

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COLORED BOYS TOWN HERO

Suffice to say, right is might, even in Jim Crow Washington, and Chester Adams, colored, made November 7, 1943, a red letter day for racial justice. On that Sabbath Day at Griffith Stadium, even though the only colored player of the 22 in the football game between Gonzaga High and Boys' Town, he rose to the heights of achievement and valor, in the face of the experience and gross humiliation offered in Washington. Like those of his ancestors, Chester Adams showed he was made of sterner stuff. He made the only 40 yard run, let a dashing teammate, sportsman that he was, go over for the first touchdown, then he carried the ball, himself, for the second successful goal, climaxing a scintillating and all but one man performance, by knocking down in the last two minutes of play a forward pass that might have robbed him and his teammates of the well-deserved 12-6 victory.

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WHITES MOB COLORED STAR

The police, who no doubt in days gone by, had no little concern of this underprivileged fellow, Chester Adams, found it necessary after the game in Washington, to call out the reserves and form a guard of honor to protect him from being mobbed by the white girls and boys, who poured on the field demanding his autographs. My ten year old boy remarked: "I have never seen so many white people interested in a colored person before." They were the same youngsters from this exclusive, private Catholic school and other public tax supported schools of the nation's capital who are regularly herded into separate and Jim Crow schools and denied a chance in the class rooms daily to also note the exemplary behavior, often as in this instance, superior mental and physical prowess of those whom Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to make free, in deed, and in truth from the curse of prejudice. Their children of the first and second generations, are triumphing over every "hurt" as Dorie Miller at Pearl Harbor and Robert Brooks in the Philippines with General McArthur. On the gridiron fields and the battlefields, they seldom come off second best, but the first heroes, are acclaimed after a time, by their malefactors and tormentors.

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URGE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

Write to your Congressman and Senator and urge them to sign the petition on the desk of the Speaker and to vote for a Civil Rights Law for the District of Columbia, Washington, the nation's capital, the heart of the Allied Nations' struggle for democracy and freedom for all, regardless of race, creed or color in which a million colored soldiers and sailors fight, bleed and die, too.

Let not the insult to Chester Adams happen to you!

Predicts Negroes In Major Baseball Leagues By 1945

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

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WINGDALE, N. Y.—The boys in the back room are quietly laying some odds that 1944 or 1945 will find something definite done about this business of admitting colored players into the big leagues. They feel that while the parks haven't lost anything in attendance this season, despite the war, the player shortage will create a demand for a new source of material and thus the colored athlete cannot be overlooked so blithely as in the past.

Baseball is due to play an increasingly important role in wartime recreation. Already the major league are preparing to send two all-star clubs to North Africa at the request of General Eisenhower to entertain troops. The teams are expected to stay on the other side for at least 30 days.

Need Little Sympathy

Negro baseball cannot be overlooked, although it should, insofar as the efforts of colored club owners are concerned. The selfish attitude expressed by the operators of colored clubs in coming out at a crucial time (as in 1942) and stating for public information that they were not interested in nor sympathetic with the program to put some of their players in major league uniforms shows the short-sightedness with which the colored variety of the sport has to contend.

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A concerted demand on the part of colored owners along with that of the trade unions, the colored press, the fans and others for admission of colored players into the big leagues might have forced the issue last year after so many feints were made on the part of the big leagues to find out just how much strength was behind the demand for lowering the color bars in their own baliwicks. The revelation satisfied them to a certain extent and they were open to suggestions for a change in policy.

Campaign Falls by Wayside

But the Negro clubowners made themselves conspicuous by their absence from what should have been a united front and the 1942 campaign fell by the wayside. Few if any of the owners of the colored league clubs who opposed entry of their players into organized white baseball on the faulty premise that they were giving away players they had spent their money on to develop, had anything to point to that would substitute for such a real advancement for their players.

They couldn't match the salaries the big leagues would pay; they couldn't begin to match the training facilities and travel accommodations the majors make available for their players; they can't even match the organization of the lowliest minor league club.

The Negro National League is said by those on the inside not to be incorporated and to have operated in such a slipshod manner since it was organized. There is no fund on record for maintenance of the league. There is no central officer, no commissioner, only six clubs with a loose agreement to play each other when they get a chance.

Scarce in New York

So disrupted and disorganized is the league that club owners even refuse to come to certain cities to carry out regular and adopted players being shaped abroad without him getting any gold from it. He will be overridden, however, because it will be a trip every player will want to make.

Further down the line the big leagues and all-colored nines will clash for the benefit of soldier fans who want to see as the East vs West classic, here Sunday, to stage all whether colored ball players can perform on a par against white opposition on the diamond. And brothers that takes place this Winter or early Spring, bet your boots that [illegible] heard on the opening of the gate to the major league fold to colored players the of the world of illywhite supremacy.

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West Stops East 2-1 In 'Dream Game'

By DAN BURLEY

CHICAGO (Special)—The East-West Club was waited until the ninth inning of the 11th annual "dream game," better known to baseball fans as the East vs West classic, here Sunday, to stage a big Grays was sent in by Vic Harris, manager of the East, to hit for Vargas of the Cubans and was thrown out by Sampson. The crowd stag[illegible] big push, Paige, kingpin of the exits as Buck Leonstarted [illegible] for the ardsmen and one of the mighty southpaw guns in the baseball [illegible] first baseman and one East attack, and [illegible] had gone hitless all day, slowly dragged a big [illegible] with him to the plate. Satchel (Fireball) Smith of the Cleveland Buckeyes was on the mound and had everything under

Satchel In Form

Satchel fanned four easterners, walked but one, in the three frames he labored and allowed three enemy nary a run nor hit. In fact, Paige baffaloed the East to such an extent that the jinx didn't wear off until the ninth when two were out when the East made its belated attempt to score.

That ninth was the thriller. It opened with Coolpapa Bell of the Grays flying out to Davenport in right. Jerry Benjamin of the Grays was sent in by Vic Harris, manager of the Cubans and was thrown out by Sampson. The crowd [illegible] Paige, kingpin of the baseball [illegible] ory in the

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the series in which [illegible] ndance was 46,393. [illegible] r west partners gave [illegible] four hits while [illegible]

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control, seemingly. Then Buck came up in the ninth with two out. Leonard lashed the first pitch into the right field stands. The whole crowd sat down again and those who were in the exit aisles scrambled hastily upstairs again, seeing a rally and something dramatic.

Josh Gibson, Grays famed catching star and champion home run hitter, had also gone hitless until now. He took two pitches and then blasted a sorcher along the grass through short. The drive had so much power behind it that it nearly tore off T. J. Williams' hands as the Kansas City shortstop ace tried to stop it. With Gibson safe on first, however, Howard Easterling, Grays' third baseman rifled a single to right and Gibson took third. Smith was lifted by Manager W. S. Welch of Birmingham, who was piloting the West and sent in the veteran Porter Moss.

Dramatic Finish

The stage was set for a dramatic finish, perhaps a winning finish for the East, but the [illegible] from the seaboard weren't quite equal to the occasion, at least in the managing department. With only Manager Vic Harris of the Grays and Harry Williams, manager and regular infielder of the New York Black Yankees, were the only men on the bench who hadn't been in the lineup. He called himself to bat instead of Lenny Person, Newark Eagles outfielder.

He lifted a long fly to center and it was all over. Some critics believed that Williams should have been given the nod on this one since Harris as manager of the Grays hasn't done much actual playing this season while Williams has been playing every game with the Black Yankees. Williams has a keen eye. Harris's eye was necessarily a bit off because of his lack of activity.

The West jumped off to a one-run lead in the second. Neal Robinson, the slugging Memphis Red Sox left fielder, walked after running up a 3-2 count on Dave (Impo) Barnhill, the Cuban Stars' great little righthander. John O'Neil the Kansas City first baseman, sacrificed him to second with a bunt. Robinson scored on Sampson's looping single to right field. Ted Radcliffe hit into a double play, Bankhead to Leonard.

The West added its winning margin in the fourth when John Wright of the Grays took the mound after Barnhill had retired. William Brown singled to center. He went to second on the next pitch. Wright threw out Robinson and Brown took third. Wright threw out O'Neil at first and Gibson dropped Leonard's throw at the plate after Brown had scored. Bankhead threw out Sampson to end the inning.

From then on the boys settled down into an old fashioned ball game with the thrills coming on classy fielding by the infielders.

Satchel Paige, aside from hurling superb ball, did the following in his three innings on the hill:

First inning: made Coolpapa Bell ground out to shortstop; fanned Henry Kimbro of the Baltimore Elites on three pitched balls and struck out the great Buck Leonard. Paige threw three straight balls to Gibson in the second and then a strike. The fourth pitch walked the mighty sultan of swat. Easterling field out to left. Pearson lined to Williams in shortstop as Gibson went to second. Passed ball. Paige fanned Sammy Bankhead. Satchel forced Martinez to ground out to Ted Radcliffe, in the third. Barnhill was thrown out by O'Neil and Bell went down on strikes.

Paige, a master showman, broke up the proceedings when he came to bat in third. He looked at a strike, swung half way round on another of Barnhill's pitches and then lined the third one against the wall in left field for a double. Paige, Long and Gangling, might have stretched it into three bases, but he was stopped at second. Hyde came in to run for him.

This inning had some fireworks. Williams was safe on a fielder's choice as Barnhill tried to get Hyde at third. The latter was ruled safe by Umpire Frank Forbes when Easterling failed to tag the runner. Davenport filied out to right and Pearson's superb throw from right field to Gibson set up a run-down play between third and home plate, Easterling tagging him out.

The box score:

EAST	ab	r	h	o	a		WEST	ab	r	h	o	a
Bell lf	4	0	0	0	0		Williams ss	4	0	2	2	2
Kimbro'h cf	1	0	0	0	0		Davenport rf	3	0	1	1	0
Leonard 1b	4	1	1	12	2		A.Radcliff 3b	4	0	1	0	2
Gibson c	3	0	1	6	0		W.Brown cf	3	1	1	1	1
Easterling 3b	4	0	1	1	1		Robinson lf	2	1	0	4	0
Pearson lf	3	0	0	2	1		O'Neil 1b	2	0	0	12	0
Bankhead 2b	3	0	0	2	3		Sampson 2b	3	0	1	1	6
Martinez ss	2	0	1	1	2		T.Radclif c	3	0	0	6	0
Barnhill p	1	0	0	0	2		Paige p	1	0	1	0	0
Vargas cf	2	0	0	0	0		Lockett	0	0	0	0	0
Wright p	0	0	0	0	2		McKinnis p	1	0	0	0	0
Harvey p	0	0	0	0	1		A.Smith p	1	0	0	0	0
Day p	1	0	0	0	0		Moss P	0	0	0	0	0
Scales x	1	0	0	0	0		Wilson z	1	0	0	0	0
Benjamin xx	1	0	0	0	0		Hyde zz	0	0	0	0	0
Harris xxx	1	0	0	0	0							
Totals	31	1	4	24	14		Totals	26	2	6	27	10

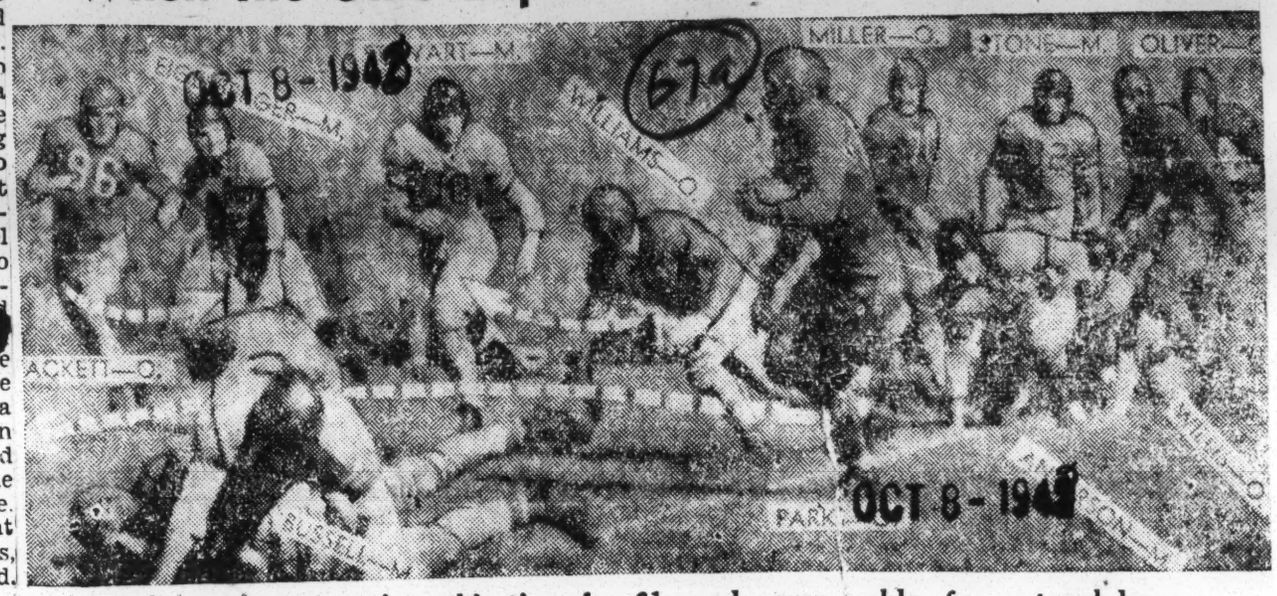
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xxx—Batted for Pearson in 9th.
z—Batted for Robinson in 8th.
zz—Ran for Paige in 3rd.

Score by innings:

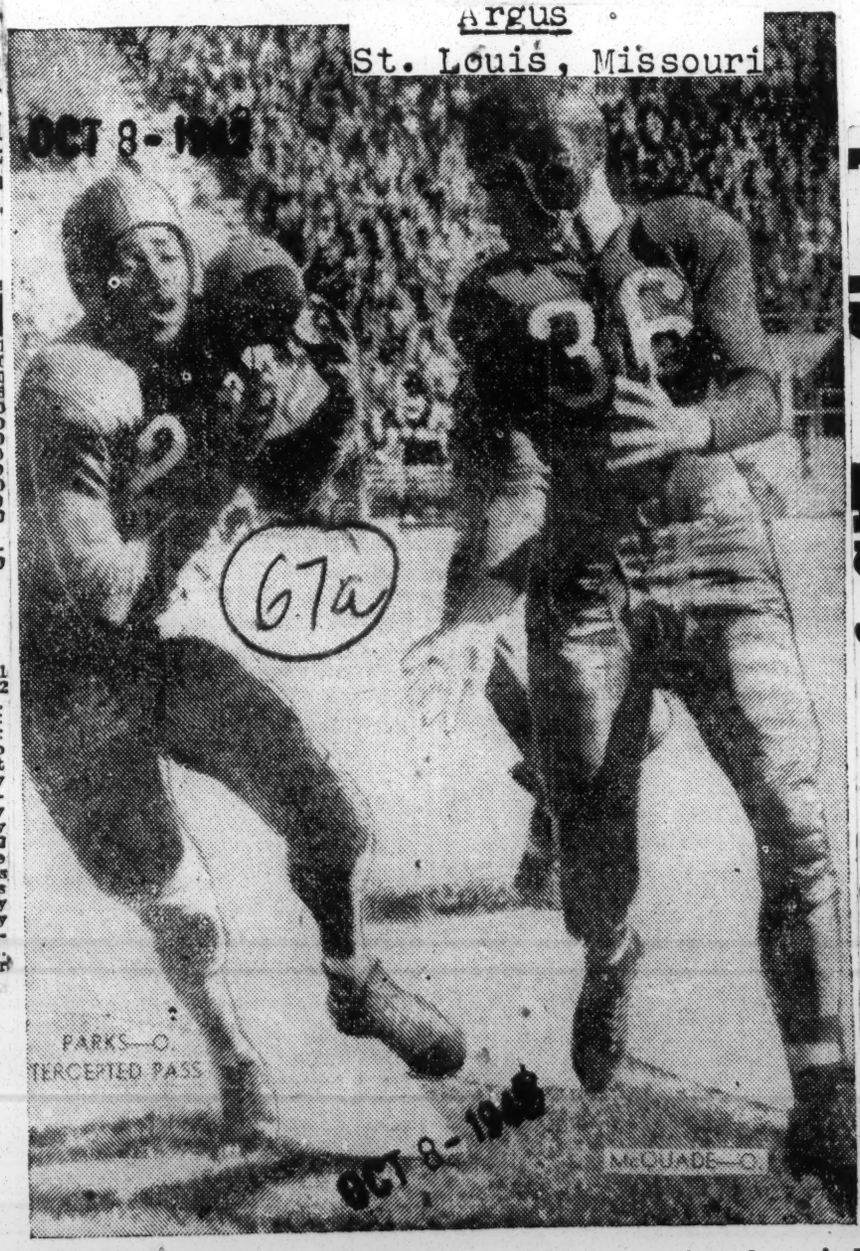
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West	010	100	00x—2

Errors: None. Runs batted in: Leonard, Sampson. Two base hit: Paige. Home run: Leonard. Sacrifice hit: Williams. Stolen base: Brown, Williams. Double plays: Bankhead to Leonard; Pearson to Gibson to Easterling. Left on bases: West 6, East 4. Innings pitched by Paige 3 with no runs and no hits; by McKinnis 3 with no runs and one hit: by Smith 2 2-3 with one run and 3 hits; by Moss 1-3 with no runs no hits; by Wright 2 with 1 run and 1 hit; by Barnhill 3 with one run and one hit; by Harvey 1 with no runs one hit; by Day 1 with 2 hits no runs. Bases on balls: off Paige 1; off Smith 1; off Harvey 1. Struck out: by Paige 4, by Wright 2; by Smith 1; by Harvey 1; by McKinnis 1. Winning pitcher Paige: Losing pitcher Barnhill. Passed ball: Gibson Umpires: Bluett, Walker Forbes and McCrary. Attendance 31,731.

When the Ohio Express Met The Missouri Tigers



Parks again gets going, thi stime for 61 yards over tackle, for a touchdown



INTERCEPTING A MISSOURI PASS in the fourth period Ernie Parks 12 yards to Ohio's 46-yard line. A few plays later Ohio lost the ball on downs. The last touchdown had been made several plays before this pass.

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

Football Uniform of Sidat Singh Brings $350 at Football Game

Washington Tribune

The late Lieutenant Sidat-Singh's uniform was sold for [illegible] at the last game that one of the greatest halfbacks ever to play for the University of Syracuse wore on the gridiron and it was raffled off piece by piece to the highest bidder at the halftime of the Washington Lions - Harrisburg Trojans football game at Griffith stadium last Sunday.

The proceeds of the sale will be turned over to the Cosmos branch of the American Women's

Volunteer Service, members of which had long been a prized possession of Jelli Pinckney, owner of the Lions, and he donated it to the auction and he was the successful bidder with $50. The picture was sold for $85.

The auctioneer was the William W. Brown, owner of the Station got the by him for dollars. This he began for his little boy who for his part in the Brown for $50. A. E. Lichtman, owner of the Lichtman theatres paid $150 for the pants, an admirer of Sidat-Singh as a football star. The hip pads went to A. Earl Withers, Jr., who paid $10 for Portia Whittingham bought the shoes for $50. An admirer of the Lichtman jersey and shoulder pads.

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Puerto Ricans Interested In U. S. Baseball Issue

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK CITY—My man, Ed Pagan, down in San Juan, Puerto Rico, writes that the San Juan Baseball Club is trying to get Vic Harris from the Homestead Grays as a manager for the team. He says that they have written Vic who is working for a war plant, but haven't heard from him as yet. If they can't get Harris, Pagan says, they'll take Frank Duncan of the Kansas City Monarchs.

Ed sent along a column, "Pounding the Sports Beat," by the Island Oracle of Sports, Pepe Matienzo of the Puerto Rican World Journal with the notation: "I guess he's all right."

Matienzo has this to say about the situation concerning colored ball players in the big leagues.

"The matter had tremendous interest locally, first, because we never had any race discrimination in sports here, and second, because a good many of the better known colored players now performing in their own league up north have played here and are well known to our baseball fans. However, the statement by the High Commissioner of Baseball (Commissioner K. M. Landis) must be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. Of course the old boy could say nothing else but.

We all know there's nothing in the rules of organized baseball dictated against the colored players, but it's a long jump from this to the actual practice followed by the clubs, which never gave a chance to outstanding Negro players like Gibson, Paige and the rest.

"I remember away back in John McGraw's days, how the 'Little Corporal,' as he was known, raved about some of the Cuban colored boys and how he often expressed himself sorry he could not use them for his dearly beloved Giants. It is recognized that the basic factor of this 'unwritten law' (against colored players) that has been followed for many years, is the pretended conception that an intermingling of races in competitive sports might bring about such things as fights, melees and even general riots. Which is all pure "phooey' . . . the fan who attends ball games goes there to find enjoyment in the performance offered by the participants and cares little whether the player be a white, Indian, a Chinaman or a Negro.

"The great fear of race clashes was evidenced in the boxing game some years ago, following Jack Johnson's victory to take the world's heavyweight championship. It was so deep seated in the general opinion that the government even passed a law prohibiting the interstate transportation of fight films . . . a measure directed particularly to any reels showing the big Negro in action.

"Things and beliefs have changed with the years though. We have a Negro heavyweight champion now, and fight films of his bouts are permitted to go from state to state without any restrictions. And crowds flock to see his fights and his films. Sgt. Joe Louis is a popular man with whites and Negroes. And colored baseball teams play against white boys in semi-pro fields and amateur sandlots without any disturbance being caused. All this renewed interest in the Negro as a major league player must be brought about by something that has not yet come out on the surface. All of a sudden, the colored boys have turned into friends."

Henry Armstrong Breaks Willie Joyce's Left Jaw

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

By LAWRENCE LAMAR

GILMORE STADIUM, LOS ANGELES. — Henry Armstrong, the Hammering Hank of old when he reigned as triple title holder of the boxing world, Saturday afternoon battered out a savage 10-round decision over fleet-footed boxing master Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., before 15,000 wildly cheering fans who paid in excess of $40,000 to view the contest.

In winning Armstrong reversed the victory chalked up by Joyce when they met the first time here last March. The return go decision to Armstrong was unanimous.

Both fighters weighed in at 140 pounds. Joyce is believed to have suffered in pre-fight bickerings.

The boxing commissioner voted to sustain promoter Joe Lynch's request for a 16-foot ring instead of the 18-foot ring insisted upon by George Trafton, Joyce's manager from Chicago. The smaller ring favored the slower moving Armstrong. This advantage, however, was somewhat overcome by the commission upholding Trafton's choice of referee, Abe Roth. George Moore, Armstrong pilot, violently objected to Roth as arbiter.

As usual, it was a traditional Armstrong scrap with the perpetual motion ring veteran swinging, clubbing and chasing his younger and elusive opponent all over the ring. Joyce fought a beautiful back pedalling fight. His speed and timing was amazing.

Many times Joyce, by his masterly boxing, brought the cheering crowd to its feet. And as many and more times did Armstrong bring that same throng roaring on the chair rungs with jolting lefts and rights to the head of Joyce. Referee Roth early in the contest warned Joyce of his spinning tactics.

In the fourth round, Armstrong fractured Joyce's left jaw with a hard right. In the previous bout between the two, Joyce suffered a broken right jaw. Many in the crowd thought Joyce outpointed Armstrong because of a weak pawing job he kept in the constantly boring in Armstrong's bobbing and weaving face.

The decision by the officials, however, was unanimous. Referee Roth's score sheet tallied the Australian point system as favoring Armstrong 61 to 49. Judges Benny Whitman and Charley Randolph scores were 58 to 52 and 56 to 54.

Notables at ringside included Gov. Earl Warren's party including Col. James Roosevelt and screen star Leo Carrillo. A fourth of the crowd were Negro fans from up and down the west coast, many who travelled from as far as Seattle, Wash., to see the contest.

Birmingham Will Be Scene Of Skirmish

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE Ala.—(SNS)—Tabor, the tosser, is expected to figure conspicuously in the Vulcan Bowl football game which will be played in Rickwood Filed in Birmingham January 1. The Tuskegee passing ace will be out of the cameron picture shortly after the Birmingham engagement for he will soon report to an Induction Center to keep an important engagement with the Army.

The brilliant backfield Tiger star has continued during the past week to polish his passing attack for what he considers one of the big moments of his life—playing in a Bowl game against the Panthers of Clark College. In this game which may close his collegiate football career the Georgia youth is very anxious to turn in one of his most outstanding performances. He spends much time passing to Pernell Miller, product of the Cobb High School, Anniston, and Charles Ferry, a fine receiver from Savannah Ga.

Line Coach R. A. Munday, is giving much attention to the Tiger forward wall and especially to Carter Bowman, captain and center. Bowman is regarded as one of the best centers in this section. He is one of those smart middle of the line men—in the game all the time and constantly on the alert. He is an xecellent diagnostician and can function on the end or in the backfield.

attack, but asserted his men would be in excellent shape for the game.

The black of tickets set aside for Tuskegee students has been sold and a request for additional tickets has been made ponding date last year. City success of the game.

There will be a gala street parade in the downtown district Saturday morning, January 1. Bands from the high schools will take part. The feature attractions will be the all-girl drill unit from Tuskegee Institute with Hattie Turner, Tuskegee basktball and track star, barking out the command. "Thy march like WACS," was the way one Army officer put it when he saw them march down Dexter Avenue, in Montgomery on Thanksgiving Day, when Tuskegee met Alabama State Teachers College at Cramton Bowl and turned back the Teachers, 19 to 13.

Cleve L. Abott, the crafty Tiger Mentor, called for aspirins after Saturday's sessions. He gave no indications as to his style of Texas and Albert Crawford, halfback Tuscumbia Ala., are other Tigers who are expected to make it quite lively for the Panther performers on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

Outpost men for Tuskegee advised the Tiger coaching staff that Coach Robinson is giving his men intensive training. They are remaining in Atlanta during the Holidays and will spend long hours on the field each day in conditioning drills.

Birmingham, Ala.—(SNS)—The Honorable W. Cooper Green, President of Birmingham City Commission has issued a proclamation declaring January 1, 1944, "Vulcan Bowl Classic Day." At the same time he has gone on record and extended an invitation to Sgt. Joe Louis to be the guest of The Vulcan Bowl Committee and the City of Birmingham on that day Elaborate plans are going forward for the Big Parade that day and interest is steadily growing higher and higher. The latest predictions estimate the crowd will be around 20,000 tickets are on sale at all major points through-Birmingham and Jefferson County. Atlanta is expected to send a big delegation of fans over to witness this outstanding in competitive spectacle of Negro football.

An Encouraging Trend

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Down in Cherry Point, N. C., a few weeks ago three Negro service men played on Camp Lee's mixed football team against the Cherry Point Air Station. Camp Lee won of race prejudice are 20 to 0, and the Negro players starred in the game. But that's somewhat beside the point. What isn't beside the point, however, is the fact that a service football team composed of white and Negro service men

That's sensible. A football in North Carolina, against a game of

Carolina, and if these Negro and white Americans on the same team there's no reason why they ht in the same regiments. The paradoxes are often more amazing than prejudice make prejudice quite silly.

The Sporting News

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Official Baseball Paper Gives Wide Coverage to Negro Games First Time

JUN 22 1943

The Sporting News, official publication of organized baseball, is giving widespread coverage to the doings of the Negro leagues for the first time in its long history.

The change of policy was made by its publisher and editor, J. G. Taylor Spink and recent issues have devoted two, three and four columns of breezy notes and bits to the Negro leagues.

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In the current issue, for instance, on page 3, there are some twenty or so items in the column captioned, "Caught on the Fly."

All these deal with news of the two Negro major leagues. They are typical of the baseball news published in this weekly paper.

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The importance of this latest development in the campaign to end the present disgraceful bar against Negro stars in organized baseball is not to be under-estimated. The Sporting News is the most widely-read and most influential publication in the sports world and reaches many tens of thousands of baseball fans as well as players, club owners, managers and soldiers overseas.

Entirely devoted to the winning of the war some few weeks ago the editors turned out their first copy of the Overseas Edition of the paper which is sent to all the fighting fronts where American troops are stationed. To our knowledge this is the first time any commercial publication has turned out a newspaper printed especially for troops overseas.

The edition is of tabloid size and is extremely popular with our fighting men all over the world.

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The Sporting News is to be commended for both its devotion to the men overseas as for its policy of printing news of the Negro leagues.

While the present coverage of the Negro teams is not yet of a complete character it is certainly a step in the right direction and will be applauded as such by all baseball fans regardless of color. Hitherto the Sporting News has taken a passive attitude towards the question of Negroes in baseball. Last summer, during the height of the campaign, and following the statement of Judge Landis, the Sporting News printed an editorial which was couched in diplomatic language and called for a continuance of the "status quo." In other words they quietly voiced their opposition to the idea of Negroes playing in the major leagues.

But the present stand reveals at least a slight change in sentiment, which, if continued, can only lead to a complete realization that the Jim Crow bar against Negroes must eventually be ended.

Camp Upton's Ball Team Glorified By Two Negro Soldiers

Age
New York, N. Y.

SEP 18 1943

CAMP UPTON, New York—No small amount of the credit for the success of the Camp Upton baseball team goes to its only two Negro members, Sergeant Ivo H. Shelby and Private Isaac "Ike" Glover.

Sergeant Shelby would rather be an Army baseball umpire, but he realizes that it's a strictly spare time affair and he is really proud of his duties as a company non-commissioned officer. When the war is over he will continue his interest in baseball, but then again, he stresses his intention of going back to his old job as a moulder in a foundry.

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Born and reared in St. Paul, Minnesota, Sergeant Shelby played semi-pro ball as a third baseman and catcher for the Grassallei (Chemical company) Giants in Chicago in 1926, and recalls playing against such major league stars as Lefty Sullivan, Hippo Vaughn and Buck Weaver.

Batting star of the Upton baseball team is Private Glover who came to Camp Upton from 308 Green avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He is the regular catcher of the nine and almost as regularly proves to be its chief run producer. Private Glover has played professional baseball since he was 15 years old, being featured with such teams as the Augusta (Georgia) Giants and the Charlotte (North Carolina) Black Hornets.

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Big Leagues Won't Use Mixed Players In Baseball But Army Does



Bureau of Public Relations U. S. War Department

YES—THE ARMY—Private Isaac "Ike" Glover is the star of the Camp Upton baseball team, batting 400 and is shown in above with Sergeant Ivo H. Shelby the official umpire of all games played at Upton. Sergeant Shelby was third baseman and catcher for Grassallei (Chemical Company) Giants in Chicago, Illinois.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

BOXING

Professional

Heavyweight—Sgt. Joe Louis, U. S. Army.
Light-heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich, U. S. Coast Guard.
Middleweight—Tony Zale, U. S. Navy.
Welterweight—Freddie Cochrane, U. S. Navy.
Lightweight—Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga. (recognized by New York State Athletic Commission); Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa. (recognized by National Boxing Association).
Featherweight—Willie Pep, U. S. Navy (recognized by N. Y. S. A. C.); Phil Terranova, Bronx (recognized by N. B. A.).

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Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.
Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.

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How the Basketball Teams Shape Up:

Ed Younger, Negro Ace, Leads Hard-Hit Bee-Less LIU Five

(This is the second of a series of previews on metropolitan college basketball teams.)

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There is a complete new deal in basketball at Long Island University. The Blackbirds have a new coach and, with the exception of Little Ed Younger, an all-freshman squad. For the first time in 13 years LIU will take the court without Clair Bee at the helm. Bee is now a lieutenant commander in the Maritime Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn.

His coaching duties at LIU have been taken over by George "Red" Wolfe, former St. John's University star and now a member of the Philadelphia Sphas of the American Professional League. Wolfe was graduated from New York University in 1933 and served as physical instructor there as well as at City College. He has been associated with Lt. Comdr. Bee in the coaching the Blackbirds for years and in Clair's court schools at Manhattan Beach.

LIU was especially hard hit last season by service enlistments. Before the campaign got underway four of the first five varsity men were in the Army and on March 3rd ten other members of the squad were called to the colors. Even thus handicapped the Brooklyn five finished out the schedule with 14 victories against six defeats, including a one-point setback by mighty Creighton, in the Garden.

The keyman in the new LIU set-up is Younger, a shophomore. This Negro lad, although only 5 feet 6 inches and weighing but 150 pounds, is as fast as they come, a good shot and an expert ball handler with a deceptive dribble. He'll set up the plays in the backcourt. Younger wasn't used much last season because of a kidney ailment and a bad knee, but he's slated for full time duty this winter. He's a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High where he won all scholastic honors for three years.

Another important lad in Wolfe's plans is an out-of-towner. This is Paul Anthony of Glassport, Pa., 18 miles out of Pittsburgh. Anthony, 6 feet 3 inches, 200 pounds, is slated for the pivot spot and heavy duty off the backboards. He played for Glassport High which, last season, reached the finals of the all-Pennsylvania interscholastic tournament.

Two former Madison High boys are potential first stringers. They are Stan Feinerman, a fine shot, and Len Hassman. Neither played for Madison last season. Feinerman divided his four years at Madison between basketball and football. He was on the court combination the first two years and on the gridiron squad his last two. Stan tips the scales at 210 and is an aggressive performer with all-around court savvy.

Al Rubenstein, from Franklin K. Lane High, is the Blackbirds' best set shot and with Les Rothman, Stuyvesant, seems to have clinched a varsity post. Rothman wears one of the most famous numbers in LIU history—31. That was the numeral of Sol Schwartz, the Blackbirds' great sharpshooter. Another promising candidate is Gerald Rubel, 6 feet 2 inches, 175 pounds, who was on the squad the latter part of the 1942-43 campaign. Rubel has a fine pair of hands and is an adept ball handler, but as Wolfe puts it: "He's just a little too timid."

Others of note include Irving Eskenazi, Stuyvesant, singled out by Wolfe as "a very promising youngster," Al Bair, Mike Bytzura, Ernie Spirakis, Arnold Sarett, and Vince Verdeschi. "This is a smarter group than the average freshmen," said Wolfe. "They've got good size, strength, height and spirit. They're just shy on experience and confidence, but I'm confident they're going to play a lot of good basketball."

LIU will play eight games in the Garden, opening there December 14th with Brigham Young. Their other Garden dates are: University of Havana, December 25th; DePaul, December 30th; Duke, January 1st; West Virginia, January 12th; Canisius, February 8; W & J, February 21 and Cornell, March 1.

SPORT
Time
Chicago, Illinois

Boxing Butt

▶ Bob Fitzsimmons' solid gold razor.
▶ The only complete set of *Police Gazettes* in existence.
▶ The locomotive bell used in the Corbett-Sullivan fight of 1892.
▶ 4,000,000 clippings, 40,000 pictures, 2,000 books on fights and fighters.
▶ Jake Kilrain's dumbbells.

Around such treasures in a fusty, bleak office in Manhattan's drafty, labyrinthine Madison Square Garden, Nat Fleischer has built his boxing museum (which he values at $350,000) and his reputation as boxing's No. 1 expert. This week the collection gets a new item: *Terrible Terry, the Brooklyn Terror* (Ring Book Shop; $1). The author: Nathaniel Stanley Fleischer.

Writing books on boxing is a habit with Nat Fleischer. The life story of Terry McGovern, who ruled the bantam and featherweight classes in 1899 and 1900 respectively, is his 39th. His previous 38 have sold more than 1,000,000 copies. *How to Box* and *Training for Boxers* together sold 200,000 copies. *Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book* is a model of accuracy and completeness.*

The Knockout. A dignified, hawk-faced little man (5 ft. 5 in.) of 55, who takes his museum as seriously as if it were the Smithsonian, boxing's foremost expert and historian is no boxer himself. He fought his last fight at the age of 14 in a Boys' Club exhibition and was knocked out in the first round. He has revered the ring ever since. As boxing writer and sports editor on the old New York *Press* and on Munsey papers, and since 1922 as editor of *Ring*, he has seen 5,000 fights, picked up first-hand lore and lies from every personality of the ring, and traveled 150,000 miles, including 13 trips to Europe for boxing news.

While traveling, Nat Fleischer also collected—158 watches and 142 pairs of gloves of various fistic greats, a punching bag used by John Morrissey, who was the only prize fighter of repute ever elected (1867-71 from New York) to Congress, the stovepipe hat Bob Fitzsimmons wore on entering the U.S. from Australia in 1890, detailed records of 30,000 fighters, from Jim Figg (the first world champion, in 1719) to Joe Louis.

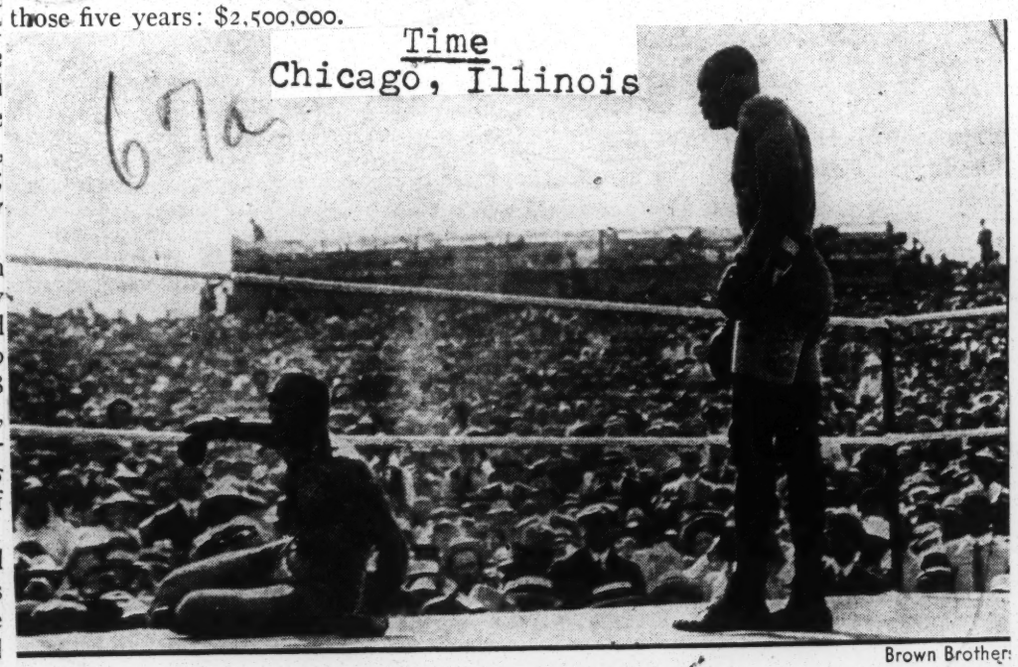
Nat's collection has become a mecca for all fighters and managers, many of whom are so awed they contribute treasures of their own. Fleischer thinks of his museum as a sacred trust. He has willed it to the New York Public Library.

The Champion. From 37 years of collecting and expertizing, Fleischer has two conclusions: 1) fighting is the greatest of all sports, 2) Jack Johnson is the greatest fighter of all time. After Johnson, Nat ranks Jeffries, then Fitzsimmons, Sullivan, Jack Sharkey, Dempsey, Louis, Corbett, Tunney, Burns.

In nearly four ringside decades, Fleischer has had an interest in only one fighter. When Max Schmeling first came to the U.S. in 1926, he borrowed $200 from Fleischer and as security pledged 10% of all his earnings for five years. Fleischer forgot it; and Nazi Schmeling never reminded him. Schmeling's earnings for those five years: $2,500,000.

* It solemnly notes the first fight on record: Cain *v.* Abel.

Time
Chicago, Illinois



Brown Brothers

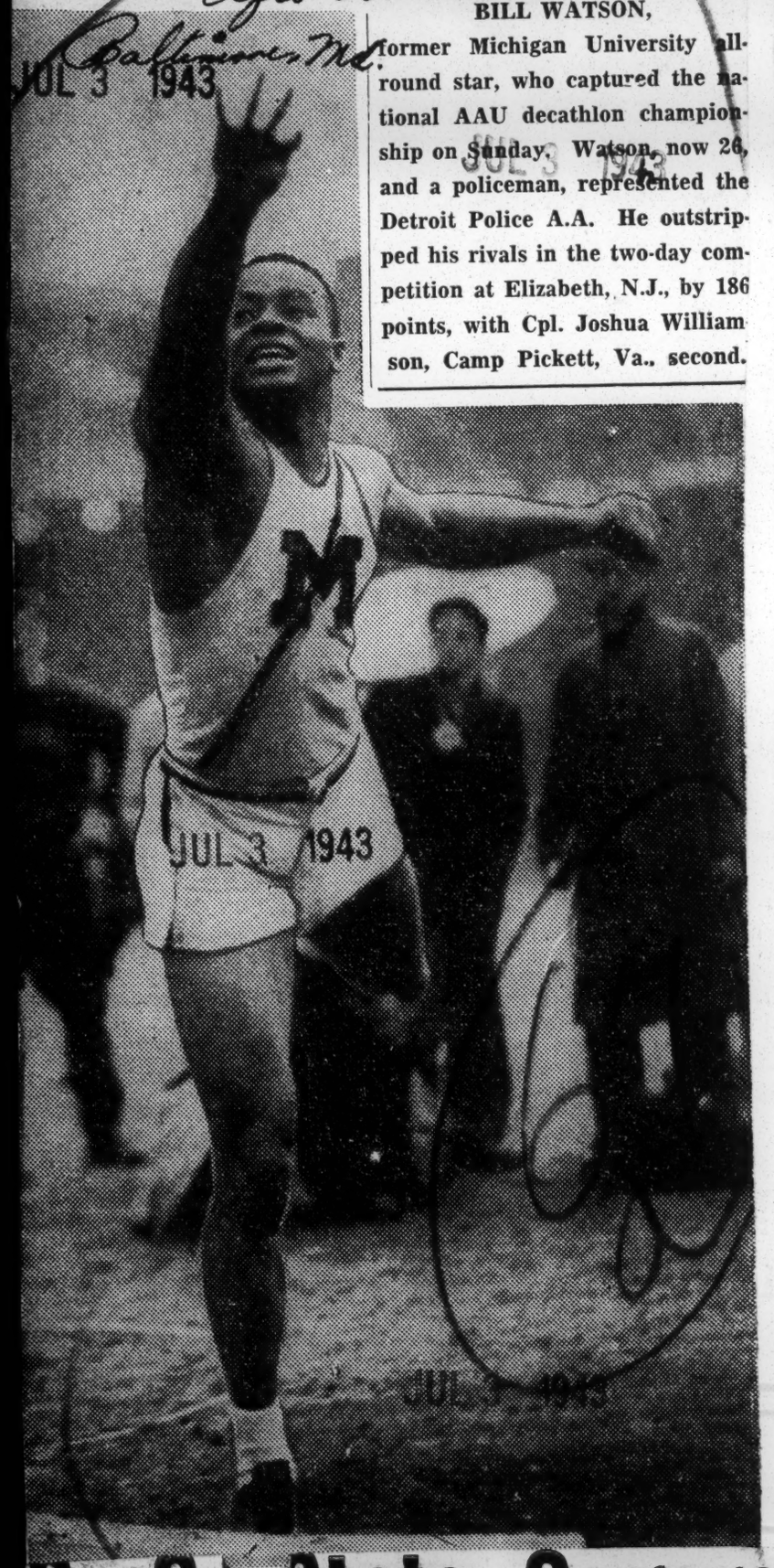
JIM JEFFRIES *v.* JACK JOHNSON (1910)
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Best in the Country

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
JUL 3 1943



BILL WATSON, former Michigan University all-round star, who captured the national AAU decathlon championship on Sunday. Watson, now 26, and a policeman, represented the Detroit Police A.A. He outstripped his rivals in the two-day competition at Elizabeth, N.J., by 186 points, with Cpl. Joshua William son, Camp Pickett, Va., second.

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S. C. State Cagers Top Benedict, 50-31

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

ORANGEBURG, S. C. —(SNS)— South Carolina State's "Blitzing" Bulldogs after a ten-day layoff for Semester Examinations added two more victories to their season's record by defeating the Walterboro Army Service Five January 29, 52-11 at home and slashing their perennial state rivals, Benedict College at Columbia, S. C. 50-31.

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The Walterboro Army Service Team was no match for the Blitzers. The varsity scored at will and staged an exhibition of passing and dashing when they were in to relieve the reserves at the close of the game.

At Columbia against Benedict Saturday, January 30, the Bulldog Blitzers were set for a close fight but found the opposition short on offense except for Atkinson, who scored 17 points for Benedict.

S. C. State's high scorers in the home game were: Penn, 15; Copeland, 13; and in the Benedict game were Copeland and Holden with 15 points each and Penn with 14.

The Bulldogs are now set for an eight game home series which begins February 6th against Clark of Atlanta, Feb. 8, Morehouse of Atlanta, Feb. 12, Benedict of Columbia; Feb. 15, Morris Brown of Atlanta; Feb 16 and 17, Xavier of New Orleans, Feb. 19, Florida A and M of Tallahassee, and Feb. 24, Tuskegee.

— SUMMARY —

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (52)

PLAYER	G	F	P
Penn	7	1	15
Copeland	6	1	13
Holden	3	3	9
Moore	4	0	8
Bligen	1	0	2
Cone	0	0	0
Torrey	2	1	5
Eaton	0	0	0
Moreland	0	0	0
Esmond	0	0	0
McEaddy	0	0	0

WALTERBORO ARMY (11)

PLAYER	G	F	P
Johnson	0	0	0
Black	0	2	2
Ferrel	2	0	4
Ceasor	0	0	0
Walker	1	2	4
Hill	0	0	0
Hendricks	0	0	0
Williams	0	0	0
Clark	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (50)

Penn	6	2	14
Copeland	7	1	15
Holden	7	1	15
Moore	2	0	4
Bligen	1	0	2
Moreland	0	0	0
Esmond	0	0	0

BENEDICT (31)

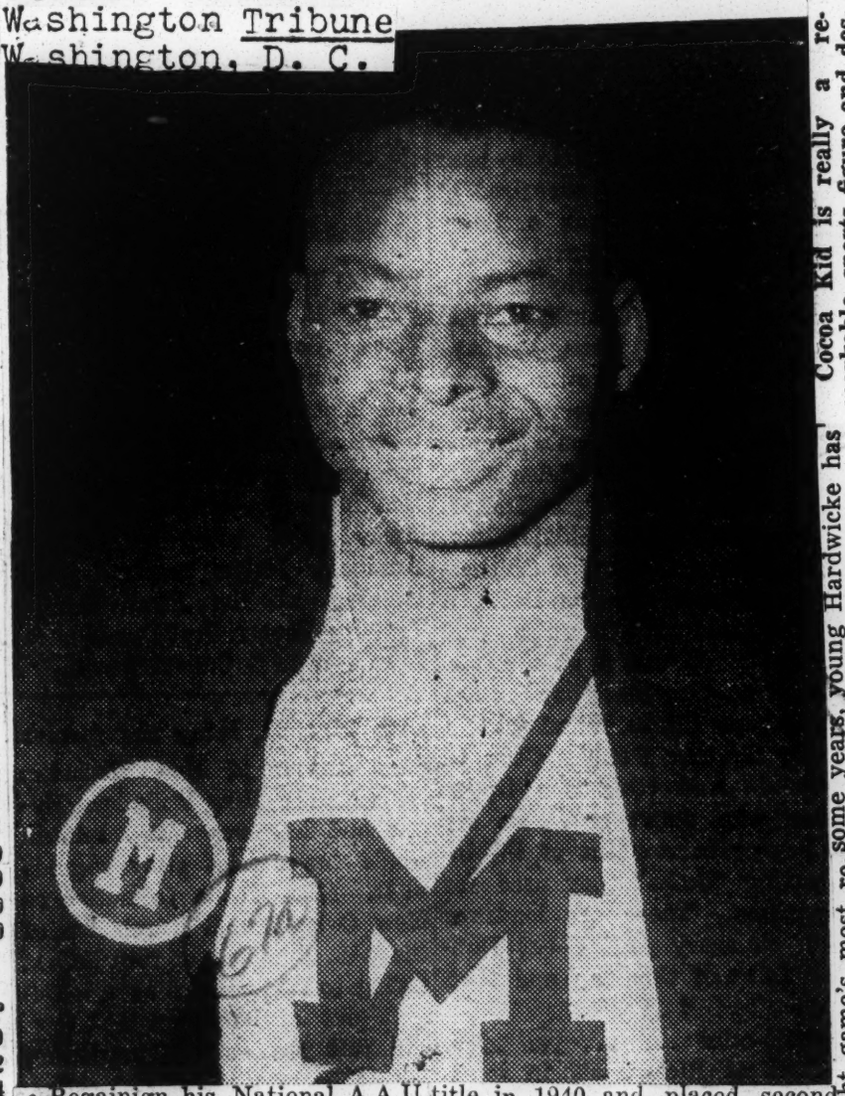
Riley	0	0	0
Rutledge	0	2	2
Atkinson	8	1	17
E. Riley	1	0	2
Dupree	3	0	6
Stewart	0	0	0
McDonald	0	1	1
Jenkins	0	0	0
Bryant	1	1	3
Warner	0	0	0

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By J. D. McGhee, Reporter

BILLY WATSON WINS NAT. A.A.U. DECATHLON

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.



Regainign his National A.A.U. title in 1940 and placed second Decathlon title to Williamson last year. He cap-Bill Watson, the former University of tured first in the discus throw Michigan track star, scored a with a toss of 143 feet 3¾ inches; total of 5,994 points at Warinan-tied for second place in the pole co Park in ten events to top Cpl. vault; fifth in the 120 meter Joshua Williamson, of Camp high hurdles, and fourth place in Picket, Virginia, and last year's the javelin throw. The champ is decathlon titlist. now employed by the Detroit police department.

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Watson registered his points before the final events was run and elected to call it a day after adding enough points in the javelin throw to offset a possible chance of being overtaken by any of the contestants. Cpl. Williamson tallied 5,808 points for second place position of the two-day meet.

Watson won his first decathlon

Cocoa Kid Still Hot After 200 Ring Battles

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

BOSTON — A veteran of 13 years of ring compaigning and now ready for his fourteenth year, a 30-year-old, hopeful welterweight, who was born Louis Hardwicke, in Puerto Rico, is the middleweight class. He has chilled in recent years Andy Callahan of New York, Victor Lotti, young Rocky Jacksd Port-ney, Sonny Jones, Frank Britt, from whome he wrested the New England championship.

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He has numerous knockout victories to his credit, his latest, Al Gilbert, white, of Washington, the world's D.C., in Providence recently. Co-River, one year later, in an unthe one coa Kid, some 10 pounds lighter, fair decision, Britt regaining the ociation recoa Kid chilled the D.C. lad in just five crown. 2, and stood 5-round bout minutes and 16 seconds of the Also on his list are Eddie Do-with Izzy Janazzo, at Baltimore on October 14, 1942. Jannazzo won round bout.

Thus Cocoa has moved up into and Ring Magazine at one time

Cocoa Kid is really a remarkable sports figure and despite his long and busy campaigning in the fight game, is still a commanding performer.

During his long career as a boxer he has had approximately 200 fights, most of them victories. He entered the feature-bout class in 1932, after three years of fighting as an amateur. He now is strictly a main-bout performer since he entered professional boxing.

Tangled With the Best

Through his decade and then this decision.

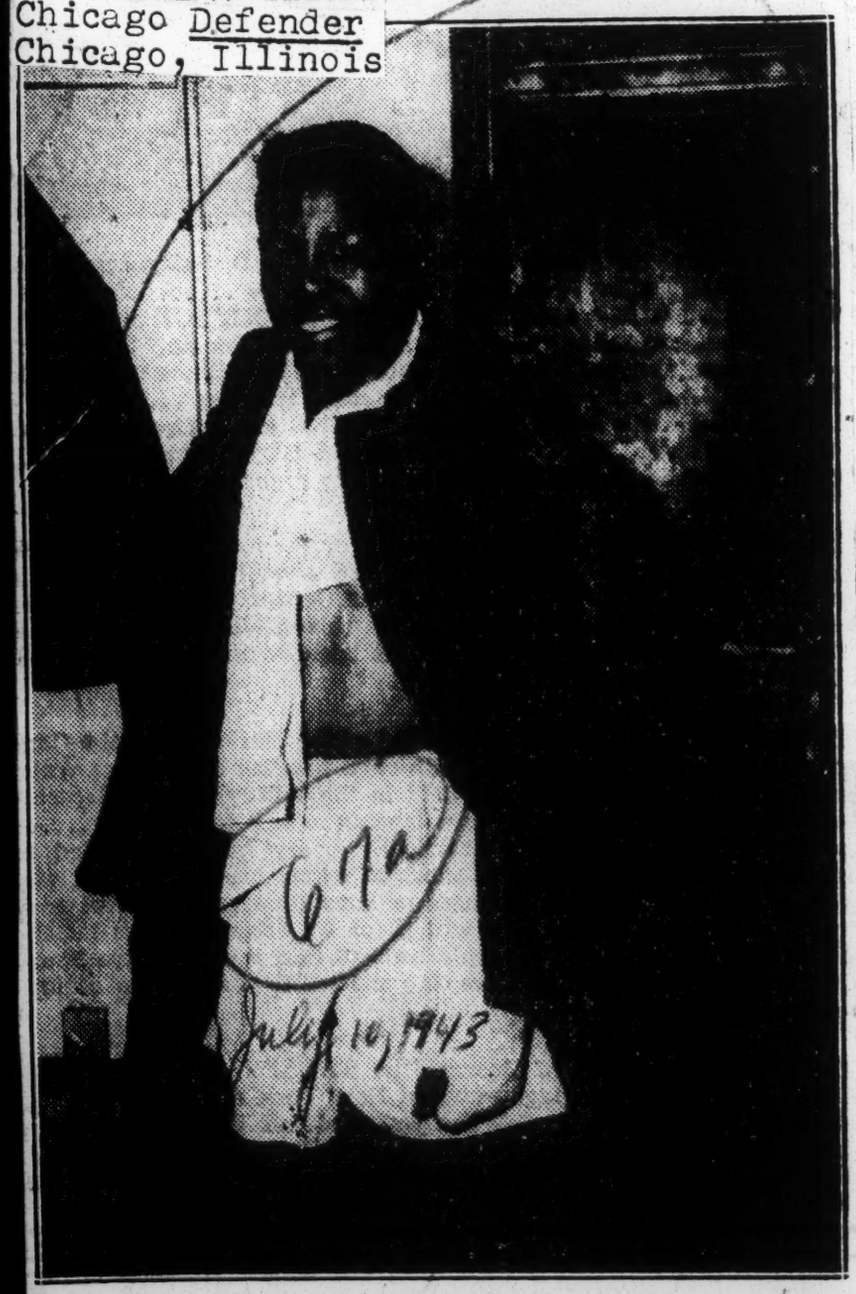
as No. 1 contender for Henry (the Hammer) Armstrong's title, and twice whipped Holman Williams.

In his thirteenth year of fighting, Cocoa engaged in 15 fights and won 13 of them. Three were knockouts. He lost two decisions in 1942, one to Holman Williams and the other to Jackie Wilson of California. He later whipped Holman Williams twice.

Cocoa, in his fourteenth year, as the New Haven boy says, "is doing all right."

NEW ARMY CHAMPION

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois



Pfc. William Garrett, 106 Mill avenue, Braddock, Pa., who won the United States Army heavyweight championship, European Theatre of Operations, when he defeated Cpl. Bat Rossi, white, 240 North School avenue, Oglesby, Ill., in a three-round title bout. —U. S. War Department bureau of public relations photo.

Henry Armstrong Stops Turiello In 5th Round

Chicago Illinois Defender

(Special to the Defender)

WASHINGTON.—Using his flail-ing fists like twin sticks of dynamite Hammering Hank Armstrong scored his 17th victory in 20 fights of an amazing comeback career before an overflow crowd of 3,500 fans at Uline Arena Friday night, taking a technical knockout over courageous white Saverio Turiello of New York city.

Turiello, game to the finish, took severe punishment for three of the five rounds and still wanted to continue when Referee LaFond halted the fisticuffing in 1:44 of the fifth stanza. Turiello had been down three times, once for a nine count in the fourth and twice for no count in the final fifth.

Drops Foe Again

Also in the fourth, Hank's power-laden left hook dropped Turiello on the lower strand of the ring ropes but Saverio refused to go down and was back flinging fists in relaliation before Hank had retired to th neutral corner.

Victory was Hank's from the outset, as the former triple-champion forced the fighting, always moving in on Turiello and never taking a backward step. Yet, Turiello was no easy victim. The New Yorker matched Armstrong's attack in the first and second, and might have won the early rounds had not he petered out near the end of each.

A terrific left hook followed by a short overhand right dropped Turiello in the fourth. He took the full nine count on one knee, and was almost out a few seconds later when Hank cornered him on the ropes, but was saved by the bell.

Referee Halts Bout

In the fifth, Armstrong rushed from his corner, determined to end it quickly. Turiello, favoring an injured left eye which Armstrong cut in the fourth, circled to his right and moved right into a fusillade of Hank's left hooks. He crumpled to the floor like a falling drunk but was up without a count. A minute later Hank dropped him again, and the referee did the humane thing by stopping the scrap.

Armstrong left Washington for Boston, where he will encounter Tommy Jessup next week. He is also booked for an outdoor fight in New York on June 11.

In the best of the prelims, Ray Brown, a clever two-fisted flinger from New York, took a six-round decision from Charley Bennett, of Washington. Brown utilized a fast left hand and had Bennett groggy in a bristling fifth round. Brown tipped 133; Bennett, 139.

Manuel Rosa, 153½; Washington, and Ossie Harris, U. S. Coast Guard, took the opening six-rounder from Lee Rosen, white, of Baltimore.

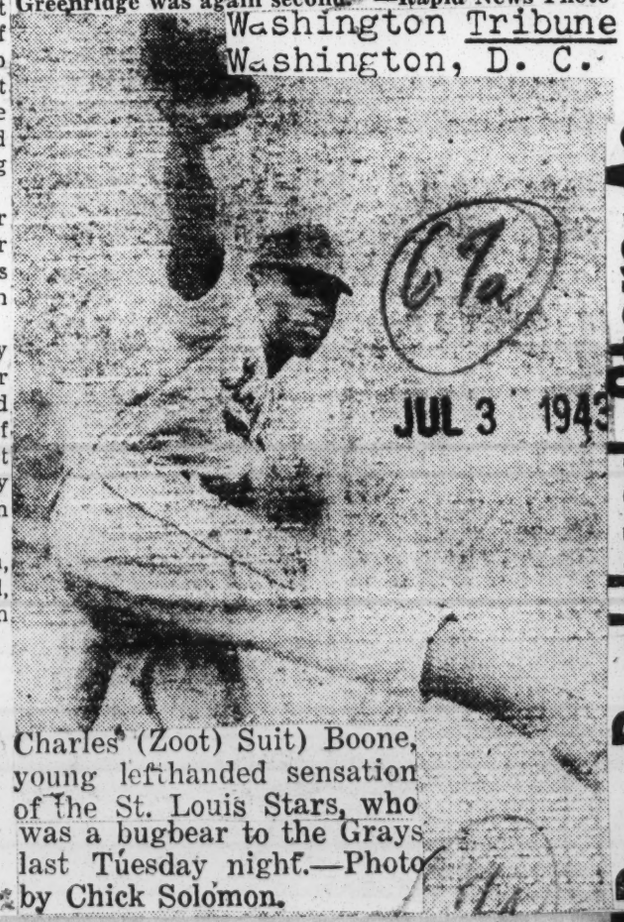
Thompson Double Winner In Met

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.



HERB THOMPSON, Jersey City flyer, was the double winner in the senior track and field championships of the Metropolitan Association of the AAU Saturday at Randall's Island. Herb grabbed off the 100 and 220 yard dash titles in this prevue before the national championships at the same place June 19-20. In above picture Thompson is shown coming home in the century with Ed Greenridge left, second; and Eulace Peacock of the Coast Guard (center) third. The time was 9.9 seconds. Thompson won the 220 in 22.2 seconds and Ed Greenridge was again second. —Rapid News Photo

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.



Charles (Zoot) Suit) Boone, young lefthanded sensation of the St. Louis Stars, who was a bugbear to the Grays last Tuesday night.—Photo by Chick Solomon.

Dan Bankhead Stars As Marines Top All-Stars

(GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 16—An estimated 3,500 fans saw the highly touted Dan Bankhead of the Marines live up to his advance notices and turn back the All-Stars in the South's fourth original all-star game played here last Sunday in Memorial Stadium.

The score was 4-2.

The first Marine batter to face Bankhead, Pfc. Curtis Flemming, grounded out to the pitcher. Bankhead's hit scored Flemming from first in the sixth to give the Marine nine a permanent lead and Cleveland scored in the ninth to clinch the victory.

The event, sponsored by the veteran promoter, A. J. Hammonds, attracted fans from a large area and included W. B. Johnson, 68-year-old veteran of Richmond, Va., who formerly played in Reidsville, Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

The All-Stars took the lead in

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PRO AND CON IN SPORTS

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

By FRANK T. WARD

NEW YORK — (Calvin's News Service) — Ole man luck played against Promoter Fred Irvin on his first proposed fight, the Saint Thomas vs. Danny Cox bout which was scheduled for the Lido Arena Monday, August 2. The Harlem riot came along and blanked out the affair, and after such a good job of promotion too. The boys along Harlem's betting way were all set to g[illegible] one way or the other. One source has it that Ray [illegible]nson had as much as $1,500 bet on Danny Cox. Somehow, we didn't agree and still don't agree with the Danny Cox element.

Of course it's too late to [illegible] into the Pro and Con of the matter because come Monday, August 16th, the boys will settle it themselves, for that's the date the bout was re-scheduled for same time—same place. Whatever Ray Robinson is working out for, up at Fred Irwin's Gym these days, he'll be 100 per cent prepared when the time comes. There's no two ways about it, he is as much a fighter of style and grace in training as he is in the ring with an opponent.

Fritzie Zivic, the Pittsburgh veteran and former welterweight king, best Sergeant Kid McCoy by a technical knockout in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round bout in Pittsburgh last Monday night. McCoy was floored twice before the contest was stopped by the referee. The bout was considered even until Zivic let loose in that final round. Zivic is scheduled to meet Bob Montgomery, world lightweight champion in Philadelphia August 23 in a non-title bout.

Lee Murray, former Joe Louis sparring mate won the duration heavyweight championship title of Maryland last Tuesday night by scoring a technical knockout over Harry Bobo in 2-10 of the eighth round of a scheduled 15 round bout in Baltimore . . . In Chicago last Tuesday evening, Lee Savold added Lou Nova to his list of knockout victims by chilling the Californian in 1:40 of the second round. It was Savold's fourth consecutive K. O. . . . in the preliminaries, Lem Franklin was upset by Dan Merritt, both are Cleveland Negro heavyweights.

ODDS AND ENDS:

Tippy Larkin was suspended by the N. Y. Boxing Commission last week for refusing to go through with his scheduled bout with Patsy Spatora at McArthur Stadium . . . The Black Yankees split a double-header with the Bushwichs at Dexter's Park last Sunday . . . Lefty Gomez, former Yank, made his first start for the Dexters, hurled four innings fo winning first game. The scores were 9-2, 2-0.

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Armstrong

World-Telegram

In Town with New Protege

New York, N. Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Managing fighters is something Henry Armstrong can't stay away from, apparently. The distinguished little comebacker arrived yesterday from Spokane, Wash., for his own bout with Cpl. Ray Robinson a week from tomorrow night at the Garden, but mainly he wanted to talk about Cecil Hudson, "my new fighter."

Henry had Hudson with him in his suite at the Theresa last night. Cecil is a brawny-looking welterweight from Los Angeles. Armstrong expects to present him to the New York public in a supporting contest on the 27th.

Word that Robinson was down at Ft. Meade, Md., with Sgt. Joe Louis, getting ready for a tour of army camps, was news to Armstrong but George Moore, Henry's manager, who had been down to the Twentieth Century S. C. offices earlier, said: "I understand Robinson will get permission to go through with this one fight, since the tour doesn't start until the 30th."

Moore doesn't handle Hudson, Henry having put up $3500 himself to buy the contract from Tony Palazola.

During his layoff following his second fight with Fritzie Zivic, Armstrong peddled the talents of Mike DeLia and Cleo Shans. It was tough sledding, Henry admits. "With people gumming things up for me I never could get Shans into a spot like the one he has tomorrow night, fighting a Garden main event with Bobby Ruffin." But Henry thinks he has learned the tricks of managing fighters since then.

According to Armstrong, Hudson has had about 40 fights, of which he lost seven. He beat Rodolfo Ramirez and Jimmy McDaniels among others.

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Cecil is 22, married and father of a daughter. He "just idolizes Henry" and "hopes to make good for him."

Getting to his own activities, Armstrong conceded that "if Ray's in shape the fight will be the hardest of my career—and I'm not just thinking of the comeback." But, Henry observed, "the army slows up all fighters and I don't think Ray will be an exception." Then, a postscript: "I'm not taking any credit from Ray, he's one of the best of all time."

Armstrong confirmed the report from Los Angeles that he's signed to fight Luther (Slugger) White of Baltimore 15 rounds Sept. 18 at the Hollywood ball park. This affair is at 135 pounds and, receiving title recognition from the California Commission, gives the one time triple champion a chance to regain at least sectional honors in the lightweig[illegible]s.

Henry, who figures to weigh about 142 for Robinson, has had 30 rounds of actual fighting since late July and won't do a great deal of gym sparring here. He didn't get a scratch in the Coast bouts, which were with Willie Joyce, Jimmy Garrison and Joey Silva, in order. His equipment hasn't reached New York yet but he intends to be at Grupp's Gym beginning Saturday.

The Robinson bout will [illegible] the 27th on his comeback, on which he has had only two unavenged losses, and his earnings have been such that "I'm fighting for the government now," but "that's a pleasure," he concluded.

Armstrong Expected It

World-Telegram

New York, N. Y.

Signed Several Days Ago to Second Hudson in Baltimore

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Henry Armstrong's retirement obviously was prearranged, since he signed a contract several days ago to second Cecil Hudson, his welterweight protege, against Jackie Cooper at Baltimore on Sept. 13. This makes it clear that Henry had no intention of going through with the contract Manager George Moore signed for him to box Slugger White Sept. 18 at Los Angeles.

Armstrong will campaign around the East as a manager and expects to expand his stable, which now consists of Gene Johnson, a local lightweight, and Hudson, whose slam-banging pleased in the Garden semifinal last night. He licked Izzy Jannazzo in a tough six-rounder.

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Aaron Seltzer, the Bronx featherweight, looked like an old-fashioned knockout artist when he sent Steve Kronis of Boston flat on his face with a straight-as-a-die short right hand in the second round of a sixer.

Outstanding in the sparkling preliminaries was the wild scramble between Lew Hanbury, Washington lightweight, and Gus Coen Levine, Harlem featherweight, in which the former, with blood streaming from a cut eye, battered out Levine in the fifth. Gus went down five times before it was stopped. Ham Wiloby, Jimmy Johnston's featherweight, turned in a class exhibition in outpointing Davey Crawford in another six. Danny Martin, Newark welter, stopped Carlos Morin, in the first of the opening four.

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Pete Reilly will have Cocoa Kid fighting Phil Norman Monday at Lido Arena in Harlem, and Cleo Shans facing Joe Torres Tuesday at MacArthur Stadium. . . . Vinnie Vines, subbing for Sonny Horne against Pvt. Marvin Bryant Tuesday at Queensboro Arena. . . . Red Doty, who drew with Al Davis, fights Jerry Fiorello Thursday at Fort [illegible]

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Jack Hurley, whose Billy Petrolle never will be forgotten, is in town with Nate Bolden, who boxes Larry Lane Monday at Newark. . . . Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack will be at the State Athletic Commission Tuesday to sign for their 15-round lightweight title fight Sept. 10 at the Garden. . . . George Gainford will make a bid for the contract of Ike Williams, Negro lightweight puncher.

Lulu Costantino and Sailor Steve Belloise, New York fighters venturing into "foreign fields," will meet Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Washington and Howard Bennett at Baltimore, respectively, on Monday. . . . Phil Terranova, new NBA

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Sgt. Joe Louis, who was in New York last night, but not at the Garden, spars with Top Sgt. George Nicholson tonight at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will be back in the met area Thursday and Friday for exhibitions at Mitchel Field, L. I., and Camp Upton, in that order.

Dorazio Rules 8-5 Favorite Over Al Hart

Post
Washington, D. C.

Post Staff Writer

Proving you can never figure anything about fighters and fight fans, Philadelphia Gus Dorazio will enter the ring at Uline Arena tomorrow night for his 12-round rumpus with Soldier Al Hart an 8 to 5 favorite.

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Which is confusing. The last time they met, Dorazio won a 10-round decision, after slowing down in the final three rounds as Hart came on at a furious pace and nearly wrested the decision after Dorazio had built up a tremendous early lead. Most fans left convinced that had the battle gone another round or two, Hart would have won, possibly by a kayo.

Tonight the battle is for 12 rounds, a compromise distance after Hart wanted a 15-round route and Dorazio held out for 10. Which should be enough in itself to bring the price down to at least even money on the basis of their last meeting. On top of that, Borazio hasn't fought since his victory over Hart, becoming a victim of grippe, which forced him ot cancel a scheduled match with Cleveland Jimmy Bivins for Promoter Goldie Ahearn here [illegible] October 15.

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Yet Dorazio remains a heavy favorite and Hart supporters are

shadow box and punch the bags. Hart, meanwhile, has been a honey, probably will do that ing in training at Ahearn's much.

his Army War College post, s already announced he in- force the fight all the way t of a decision he thought a last time. Ahearn visu- gross gate of between $10,- $15,000 yesterday and, on

Dorazio, who woundup heavy boxing drills yesterday at Goldie Ahearn gym on 9th st., is in the best shape of his career, his trainer, the veteran Jimmy Wilson announced yesterday. Gus is expected to enter the ring at around 196 as Midget Wolgast, Dick Welsh, Tommy Loughran and score of slow in coming up with the great stuff. It isn't consistent, but it's the fight racket.

New Negro Boxing Commissioner Knows Exactly What the Score Is

New York, N. Y.

By JIM RUSSELL

One thing is certain about Dr. Clilan B. Powell, the newly-appointed member of the New York State Athletic Commission. He'll never be a Wynken, a Blynken or a Nod.

You'll remember how easily former members of the Commission doubletalked themselves into carbon copies of those nebulous figments of Eugene Field's imagination. The three who "sailed on a river of crystal light into a sea of dew."

Dr. Powell, Harlem physician who is the first Negro ever to be appointed to the Commission, really is a busy man. He's president-editor of the *Amsterdam News* Harlem weekly newspaper, president of a finance company and a director of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Illinois.

While he has retired from extensive practice in medicine and doesn't specialize in x-ray work any more—he was the first Negro doctor here to specialize in x-rays—he still keeps his office open for consultation and medical advice.

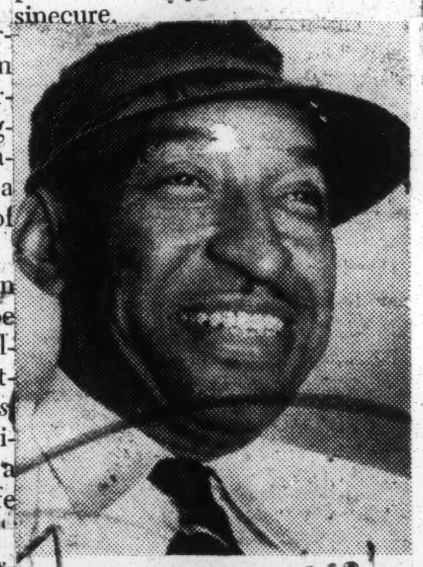
That's a lot of work for one man to do but Dr. Powell says it can be done "and with plenty of time left over for other things."

Dr. Powell realizes that his appointment is an important step. Boxing has been the most democratic of all sports, no questions about race, color or creed asked, and Negroes in the last few years have come to dominate the sport. It was simply just and logical that a Negro should be appointed to the sport's governing board in this state.

So the doctor will start on his new job Tuesday with eyes open for needed improvements. He knows he can do as much good for the game from his swivel chair position as men of the character of Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong have done swinging punches in the ring.

Scores of difficult problems will come to his attention, national boxing problems such as whether the game should have a universal governing board to eliminate past messes like the mixups in recognition of champions and the fact that fighters, barred in some states for physical disabilities, often can find work in other states.

He intends to study all these problems thoroughly. This job is no sinecure.



Dr. Clilan B. Powell

"I don't have a definite plan in mind right now," he says. "I'd rather bide my time, look around a bit before acting. If it's possible for me to effect any reforms in this position, I certainly will."

He says his medical training will be a great help to him in regulating a sport in which the chief requisite is good physical condition. It was an asset in conducting an insurance business and should be more so in this new activity, he added.

Speaking of physical condition, the doctor looks right now as if he could go a fast 12 rounds in the middleweight class. He's a rugged, virile-looking man who looks 10 years younger than his 49 years.

He doesn't go for that 12-round comment, though.

"I couldn't last 12 minutes," he laughed. "But I did like putting on the gloves when I was attending Howard University and that's really where I cultivated my love for the sport."

He also played the outfield on the baseball team and end on the football team for Howard, whence he graduated in 1920, but the fight game is his No. 1 sport.

Now he's no longer a fan and adviser of boys in the game. He'll put the sport under the x-ray as an official. He knows he'll find plenty wrong with it. One thing is sure: he'll come up with plenty of remedies, too.

Henry Armstrong, Former Three-Ply Title Holder, Will Swap Ring Warfare for Bible

Atlanta, Georgia——had been sparring mentally for some time with this preaching angle. It was a impromptu gag. Henry explained he wants hold a role in the postwar era. Not time that he believes he can knock out revealed today that when he final Satan with a flurry of verbal hay- ly packs his mitts in the retire- makers. But he thinks people ment mothballs he will be through after the war, will need a lot of with sports forever. spiritual advice to help herd them Armstrong wants to be a back toward the simpler things preacher. in life.

The former triple-title holder— **Guest Preacher.**

who usually lets a pair of lethal A couple of years ago when we fists do his talking—climbed upon were pounding a portable in New a figurative little soapbox to hol Orlean and Armstrong was boss- that he now is in the final roundsman of one of boxing's greatest careers. paid a visit Down Yonder His current trek along Fistania's In. He was gue eacher" at rocky Comeback Trail is in itself several Negro ches. For an amazing chapter in the annals months afterward, the local breth- of American sports. The Humanren raved about those sermons. Buzzsaw, in a little more than one Armstrong was no Billy Sunday— year, has shuffled into the ring 23 but his sincerity won the hearts times; and only thrice has he and admiration of the colored citi- climbed back out with a decision zenry of New Orleans. against him.

"But this is it," Hank declared. Henry and his manager, George "Whether I ever regain one of my Moore, attended a Father Devine titles or not, this is my last come- service. Hank was impressed. Al- back attempt." After his final though admitting he certainly has appearance under the light, Ole no ambitions to become a second Perpetual Motion intends to walk Father Devine, he said that he directly from the resin into the would "like to command similar pulpit. respect of a congregation."

Amen, Brother Henry.

But just in case you are the "For a good many years I've anxious type, don't expect the wanted to become a preacher," he stout-hearted little Negro cattler said in deadly seriousness. "Dur- to trade his trunks for a black ing the past couple of months I've frock-coat immediately. At his really made up my mind. I want present rate of exchange, plenty to preach the gospel." of pages will be yanked from the Joe Louis, in contrast, has other calendar before Hank decides he's ideas for himself. When the Brown Bomber eventually abdicates his heavyweight kingdom, he plans to concentrate on becoming a championship golfer.

"Nothing like that for me," Hank said. "I'll probably be throwing leather for a long time. But when I'm through with fighting I'll also be finished with all sports."

Armstrong suddenly sounded like a dusky pocket edition of bookish Gene Tunney in his heyday. You could tell that Hank



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FIRST NEGRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES CROWN in the history of Fort Jackson and the Columbia Army Air Base was won by Cpl. George R. Ledbetter of Winston-Salem, N. C., Section 2 Supply Detachment, Supply [illegible] Jackson (left), who is about to receive the champ's trophy from Mr. E. C. Spurlock, Director of the Taylor Street USO in Columbia and promoter of the tournament (center)). Runner-up, Cpl. Eldridge Johnson of Baltimore, Md., and the 274th Q. M. Bn., at Fort Jackson, smiles approval in the best near-champ manner.

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Beau Jack's Future Imperiled by Bad Knee

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Has his brain trust ruined Beau Jack? World-Telegram OCT 5 1943

This was Broadway's question today, following the ex-lightweight champion's 10-round defeat by Bobby Ruffin, a 7-to-1 shot, last night at the Garden.

The 14,449, who paid $43,429—many of them world series visitors and seeing Beau Jack for the first time—didn't see anything remotely resembling the old Beau Jack. Confidentially, it is unlikely anyone will see a rip-roaring Beau Jack in the future.

This opinion is based on the fact that the injury to his right knee, main cause of his setback was aggravated by futile pursuits of the artful dodger from Astoria. Taking the long view, the Ruffin fight may prove the most costly of Beau Jack's career.

Ten days ago Jacobs Beach knew that the Augusta (Ga.) Negro was not training. When he reappeared after four days his manager admitted that Beau was suffering from a bad knee.

Nevertheless Beau Jack resumed work. Those who described his workouts as they really looked—and they looked bad—were accused of exaggerating.

New York, N. Y.
20th Century S. C. Had
New Match Ready Before.

Two weeks ago, when Bob Montgomery pulled out of last night's date with Beau Jack, the Twentieth Century S. C. could have substituted an entirely new match but Beau Jack's manager insisted, "This is our date—and we'll keep it. . . . We'll take Ruffin."

Promoter Mike Jacobs wasn't entirely blameless either, but he couldn't have forced the Beau to fight if the manager had been contrary minded.

The State Athletic Commission is also culpable. Last Saturday its physician examined Beau Jack and reported "there is no trace of injury." Yet when Beau entered the ring he wore an elastic brace on his right knee.

There was a last opportunity for the commission to prevent a mistake yesterday at the weigh-in where Beau Jack scaled 140½ pounds, nearly four pounds above his normal figure, to Ruffin's 135½. His weight violated the contract and he had to toss Bobby 1¼ points.

The fight might have thrilled those who had a buck or two on the underdog, but it was largely a triumph of negativism. Bobby danced, ducked and daubed all night.

World-Telegram Score Gives Ruffin Round Edge.

The officials were one-sidely in Ruffin's favor, two voting 7 and 3, a third 8 and 2. The writer saw it as a much closer fight, especially with Beau Jack finishing pluckily. He opened a cut over Bobby's left eye in the ninth. The World-Telegram sheet read five rounds for Ruffin, four for Beau Jack and one even.

In the dressing room a doctor familiar with athletic injuries said that Beau Jack had an inflammation of the knee which requires X-rays and possibly an operation. This medical verdict casts a shadow over Promoter Jacobs' plans for the already jinxed, twice-called return between Beau Jack and Montgomery, now set for Nov. 19. Contracts and forfeits ($1500 each) are on file with the State Athletic Commission, and Mike has something like $46,000 in holdover orders.

Al Weill's Lew Hanbury, Washington shipyard worker, 135¾, impressed in winning from Frankie Rubino, 133½; Jim Elliott, 165¾, was awarded the decision over Larry Anzalone, 158¼, Eddie Giosa, 129, won from Steve Kronis, 125¾, and Frankie Wills, 151¼, defeated Jerry Fiorello, 155, in six. Max Gonzalez, 136¼, scored the only knockout of the card, when he stopped Sammy Stigiliano, 134¾, in the third.

George Kobb, the Garden's new fight announcer, made a winning debut, too. He played his lines straight—no corn on this Kobb.

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Writer Says Baseball Will Die Without Negro Players

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—When Satchel Page race baseball player, recently predicted that big league race barriers would possibly be broken by next year, he set several columnists to thinking. Commenting on the subjects, Dave Ferrell, in his column "Personal but not Private," appearing in the Daily Worker, said:

"Baseball without Negro ballplayers will die standing up next year, in spite of the fact that attendance figures are not bad this season. He gave as a reason for the expiration of the beloved sport, the facts that the game is being played baby. "There isn't solitary lop to be found anywhere which is playing anything approaching double-A ball of '41, and the prospects for next year in reamnpower are just too brutal for words," he explained.

As examples of poor '43 baseball playings, Farrell viewed the two big leagues, and indicated the Yanks and Cards said "Nether one [illegible] year's model as good as last year's model "but yet they're so far out in front that the pennant races have been virtually in the bag since early August. The other 14 clubs are playing for exercise and the cut of first division money."

He commented that the race in the Coast league is a joke; that some teams in the Southern association have had to split the season up and start over again in order to keep interest from dying completely.

Farrell said the Negro is the only one new source of talent.

Smith Wins Golf Meet In Atlanta

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Courier
Pittsburgh Pa.

ATLANTA, Sept. 16 — (ANP)— playing the most consistent brand of golf in his colorful career, Hugh Smith of Thomaston, Ga., added the Atlanta open championship to his long list of laurels by chalking up a sub-par of 262 for 72 holes over the New Lincoln Golf and Country club course here last week.

To win the championship, Smith combined three sub-par totals of 65-66-65-66 for his 262 total, which marks a new record for tournament play on the Lincoln course. At the end of the first 18 holes, he was trailing Howard Wheeler, sensational professional from Los Angeles, who posted the lowest 18-hole score of the tourney, a dazzling 62.

The new champion was a single stroke in front at the halfway mark and continued his brilliant pace to win with ease. He was awarded a $500 war bond. Wheeler was five strokes back of the champion with a total score of 267. Wheeler carded 62-70-69-66.

In winning the Atlanta open, Smith took up where he left off in 1938, when he came through in the Southern open with a 262 to win the title. Oddly enough Smith also won the Southern open crown in 1937 with a neat 265 and copped the national open crown in 1940 over the Palos park course in Chicago.

John Brooks Dendy, former national and Southern open champion, of Asheville, N. C., withdrew after [illegible] holes. [illegible] where he announced plans were being worked out for a tournament over the Beaver lake course in Asheville and asked golfers to participate.

Stokes Stalmaker, the former Lincoln club pro finished in fourth place with 274, while James Neal of Thomaston, Ga., and J. D. Fears finished with scores 281 and 301, respectively. Arthur L. Miller served as chairman of the club's tournament committee.

BYRD STARS AS NORTH IS BEATEN

Courier Pittsburg Pa

SEP 18 1943

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16—The South All-Stars spotted the North All-Stars to a four run lead in the first inning of a baseball classic involving the top ranking players of the Negro National league, at Griffith stadium, Thursday night, then roared back behind Bill Byrd's magnificent rescue work to halt Manager Mule Suttles' Northerners, finally, 6 to 4.

The game, a charitable affair to aid the Lend-A-Hand club of this city, attracted 5,000 fans. However, the players apparently suffered from a siezure of shaky nerves — a total of nine errors blotting up the record of what might have been a great exhibition by great performers. Jud Wilson piloted the victors.

HOOKER, WALKER CHASED

The North team landed on Walker for four hits and four runs before Barker fanned to end the first inning. Walker tightened and gave up but one more hit until Byrd came in to start the fourth. The big Elite Giant star blanked the Suttles team the rest of the way, allowing only two hits. Kimbro, with four hits in five appearances, was the offensive hero.

The big hit of the night, however, was left fielder Davis' triple to deep center, in the first frame, to unload the bases. The South team grabbed two runs in the first inning, too—Hooker balking Kimbro home from third and Leonard tallying on Easterling's two base smash to right.

Lefty Hill relieved Hooker in third inning and was the losing pitcher as the South clan dented him for a run in the fifth, on Gibson's single with Benjamin aboard, and in the seventh when Leonard and Easterling tallied, the latter on Sammy Bankhead's robust double against the right field wall. The final South tally came in the eighth when Byrd singled, took second on Impo Barnhill's wild heave, and scored on Kimbro's single to left. The South connected for three hits off Barnhill in the one inning in which he served, the eighth. A fast twin-killing, Bankhead to Easterling to Leonard, ended the game.

Globe Trotters Book Cage Game Here With The Savoy Big Five

O'ham Ala. News

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'Piper' Davis, Pivot Ace, With Harlemites; Crew Features Star, Jackson

Nov 28, 1943

Abe Sapperstein, manager-coach of the Harlem Globe Trotters, internationally known basketball team, is venturing South for the first time with his sensational pro team, winners of one national basketball championship, and winners of first place in the Mexican Invitation Tourney last March. The Harlem Globe Trotters are booked to appear in Birmingham one time only this season, taking on the Savoy Big Five at the Municipal Auditorium Tuesday night, Dec. 7. Sapperstein, so unorthodox that he introduced football and baseball formations on the hardwoods, thought out a bewildering brand of cage capers that usually leaves the opposition gasping.

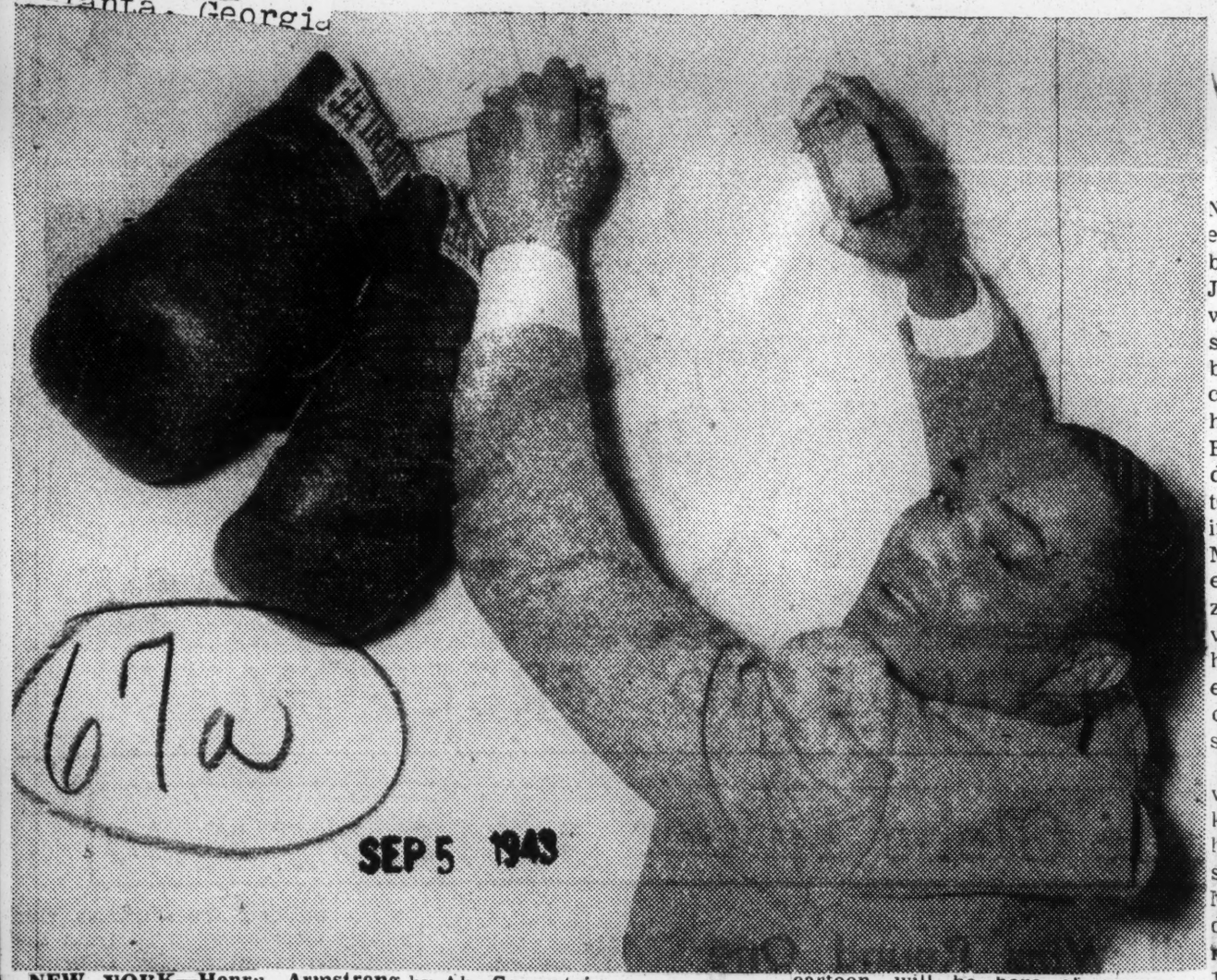
Business Manager W. S. Welch, of the Globe Trotters, who piloted the Black Barons to a Negro American League pennant the past Summer has completed a Southern hop, and has booked games in nine Dixie cities. The Harlemites will open in Chattanooga, play in Birmingham as their second engagement, play the Atlanta Collegiate All-Stars in Ma-

sonalities as Bernie Price for three years an All-America, Roosevelt Sapperstein, playing his longest the star-shooting forwardand most elaborate schedule in the of the greatest long shotshistory of the Globe Trotters, has game. Also Tony Peytonplentifully supplied himself with ec. 7 are Al Price, of Tole- the auditorium Tuesday ce Wright, of Macon; Tug night Dec. 7 at the fi- of Miami, and Sam Five at the one of the finest floormen of re- good reserves for the arduous sea- son at hand. rs. new men to be brought o Birmingham for the en- t against the Savoy Big game. 7 are Al Price, of Tole- ce Wright, of Macon; Tug n. of Miami. and Sam

This marks the 17th consecutive season of touring for the Globe Trotters, including a jaunt to the Pacific Coast where they are better known and are bigger drawing cards than any pro basket aggrega- has hung up such a record as a basket star that he has been featured in a Ripley cartoon and in such magazines as Esquire and Colliers. Returning to the Trotters this year has along to Birmingham for the engagement against the Savoy Big Five at the auditorium Tuesday night Dec. 7 at the Municipal Auditorium. Coverson. are such nationally known cage per-

As The Human Buzzsaw Hung Up His Gloves

Daily World
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NEW YORK—Henry Armstrong pins his gloves up on the wall in his room at a local New York Hotel thereby signifying his permanent retirement from the boxing profession. His dismal showing against Ray Robinson and trouble with his eyes prompted he former triple-title champion to this decisive action.

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Birmingham, Ala. News
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Champ Negro Cagers Play Savoy Big Five At Auditorium Dec. 7

Black Baron Manager Handling Saperstein's Famed Globe Trotters

W. S. Welch, who piloted the Black Barons to the championship of the Negro American League the past Summer, is business manager for the famed Harlem Globe Trotters, professional Negro basketball team, which is coached and owned by Abe Saperstein.

Manager Welch, who has taken the Globe Trotters all over and out of the country the last several years, was in Birmingham the past week and arranged to bring the champion Negro pros here to the Municipal Auditorium the night of Dec. 7 when they will tackle Birmingham's Savoy Big Five.

There's more than the fact that Welch's managing the Globe Trotters, which gives local fans an added interest this season, as "Piper" Davis, star shortstop of the Black Barons, who is six-foot-three, is now a pivot ace for the Trotters and is touring the country from coast-to-coast with the outfit this Winter.

Saperstein, who revolutionized the game of basketball with trick plays in which football and baseball formations are included, has seen the Globe Trotters pile up the amazing record of 2,237 victories with only 189 losses in the last decade and a half, winning the world's pro championship in 1940, and capturing the Mexico City International Invitational Crown last March.

The champion ball handler of all-time, and the real trademark of the Globe Trotters, Inman Jackson, who has been featured in a Ripley cartoon, will be here of course with the Harlemites Tuesday night Dec. 1, along with Al Price, of Toledo; Bruce Wright, of Macon, Ga. Tug Coverson, of Miami, and Sam Sharpe, of Denver.

This team played against many top-flight college aggregations and won last season, these affairs including Washington State, Oregon Gonzaga, University of British Columbia, Mexico University, Chihuahua State Teachers and Dakota Wesleyan. They also played many Army camp aggregations and came out with colors flying. Owner-Coach Saperstein makes it a practice to play as many service teams as possible to see that the men in Army camps get sports and entertainment, and when these service affairs are staged, the bulk of the proceeds are turned over to some worthy camp fund.

The Globe Trotters played the Santa Ana Army Air Base, Camp Roberts, Ft. Lewis, Presidio of Monterey; Ogden Air Base, Pendleton Air Base, Hill Field, and others last season, and they will repeat the engagements during the tour upon which they are about to embark.

Only one appearance will be made in Birmingham, the battle with Savoy's Big Five, Tuesday night Dec 7

Montgomery Thinks He Must've Been Dead When Those Beau Jack Punches Kept Coming; Says The Beau Is A Good Fighter — And How!

Weekly Review
Birmingham, Ala.

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NEW YORK CITY (Calvin's News Service) — Well now that everything is all quiet around the boxing alleys, we guess Beau Jack is proudly wearing his lightweight crown again for which he shed everything — money and blood inclusive — to win. He can wear it perched high on his head for those punches he threw Bob Montgomery's way last Friday night weren't exactly like tackling a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner! They were hard and Monty felt them. Those swift, unexpected punches had Monty dizzy, so much so until he relates, with sadness "Everytime I hurt him I didn't follow up. It seemed like I was dead." It might've only dead people just didn't stand there!

We must admit, we were a bit wrong about Jack. Although we knew all the time, he had it in him to win, his injured [illegible] seemed to be a handicap. If Monty hadn't made so many blunders, he might have won; he almost knocked out Beau in the 14th. Wildcat Bob was a 16 to 5 favorite in the ring and has no defense for losing his title. He had the Beau on a verge of a ko for two full minutes but didn't follow up and finish him.

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Jack's success is given mostly to his new trainer, Larry Amadee, who trained Joe Louis and John Henry Louis at one time. Surprising his fans, Beau didn't "crack up" after the fifth as he usually does from tiredness. Amadee fooled everyone by making Jack meet the required 135 pounds without him leaving his fight in the gym. Jack scored the most punches; Montgomery hit the more solid blows. Beau's best round was the 13th when he got Monty doubled up with a terrifying right to the body. It dazzled Bob, who tried to change matters and win the last round. He did, but the jurors had already decided.

With the crowd screaming, Jack was a happy boy. The crude fighter from Georgia had found what he had lost. The customers paid $96,873, mostly just to holler but Promoter Mike Jacobs didn't care what they came for.

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Jack will again greet the people when he fights Ruffin in an over-the-weight match next month. Ruffin has already expressed beliefs that he can easily whip the Jack but was frightened by his excellent exhibtion here Friday. Anyway, Monty, Philadelphia was rooting for you all the way!

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New York, N. Y.

Whole Question Officially On Agenda At Meet

Commissioner To Listen To Arguments For and Against The Proposal

By DAN BURLEY

The annual major and minor league baseball sessions, which begin Monday at the New Yorker Hotel, will for the first time officially debate the vexing question whether Negroes are to be admitted to organized baseball when the topic is introduced Friday before the assembled clubowners and officials.

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Ceaseless agitation on the question by the Negro Press, plus action by such organizations as the NAACP, the National Negro Congress, and various progressive groups is said to be responsible for the decision made by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of the sport, to listen to arguments for and against admission of colored players into the heretofore lilywhite pastime.

Representatives of the National Negro Publishers Association and others from the NAACP are said to have been invited to the Friday session. Amid an atmosphere of doubt and some hope of carrying on, the team owners will be increasingly concerned with the ever increasing problem of manpower.

A lot of the operators are convinced that the majors and possibly the International League and the American Association may be

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season colored sports writers have through another season. Many interview players and owners and but there is an alarming prospect that some of the leagues may drop their opinion. When out. It has been estimated that these opinions have been favorable, over 5,000 ballplayers are now in it has been found that the opposithe service with more being called tion based on the so-called "unwritten law" and the "gentleman's each month. agreement" against colored players

For years the question of admitting Negroes to the big show has been too strong to overcome. been asked of the major clubs. Each

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Time Catching Up with Old Satch?

Is time catching up with old Satch? Baseball-minded gentry of Harlem are asking this question about the best known of all Negro ballplayers, LeRoy (Satchel) Paige, who admits 36 years of age in this his 19th pitching season.

Paige, who comes to Yankee Stadium Sunday with the Kansas City Monarchs for a game with the New York Cubans, has been drawing like honey in a fly colony in his Eastern appearances, but the ancient flipper isn't what it used to be, or so it seems.

At Griffith Stadium in Washington, D. C., last Sunday Paige was knocked out of the box by the Homestead Grays while 19,000 watched incredulously. He was plastered for eight hits and seven runs in three innings.

Going to the well every day, or night, was easy years ago, but when Paige started against the Philadelphia Stars Monday at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, before 24,000 he was smacked around for five hits and two runs in three innings.

The late spring, which pitchers of lighter hue in the majors complained about, handicapped Paige no end.

The Monarchs were rained out almost continuously in early and mid-May and Satch's first chance to work against real competition didn't come until Memorial Day. That afternoon he pitched the last three innings against the American Giants at Chicago in Comiskey Park. It even rained that afternoon.

So Cold Paige Had To Wear Full-length Suit.

Tom Baird, secretary of the club, says that on June 8, when Paige went four innings in a night game at Rochester, it was so cold his gaunt 6-foot-3 frame had to be encased in a full-length undersuit.

Paige concedes he is far from the pitcher he was in the early '30s, when he more than coped with Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Rollie Helmsley and countless big leaguers in Pacific coast winter baseball.

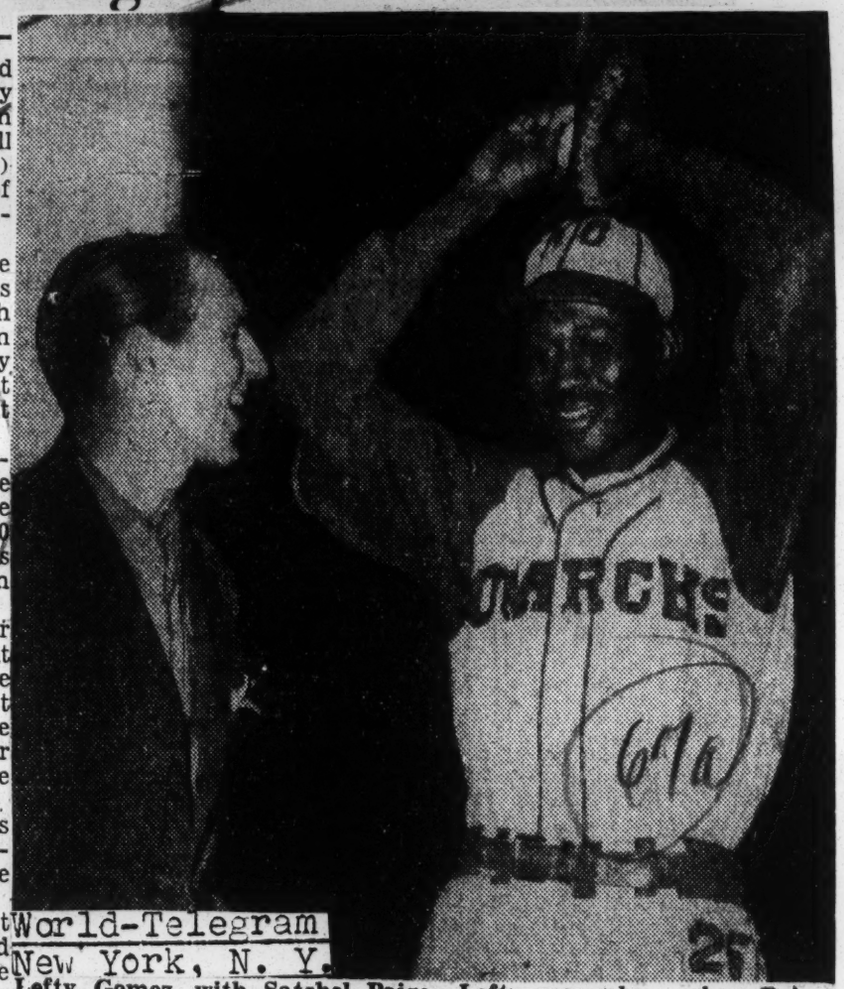
As Lefty Gomez verified in a recent fanning bee with the veteran right-hander, his delivery then consisted of two kinds of pitches—"hard and harder." Today he "toss them in there," in the words of his own idol, Dizzy Dean, only occasionally. Most of the time he's using tricky stuff.

Paige is disinclined to talk about his slump. He insists he'll be himself any day, "probably will fool everybody—and spring the stopper Sunday at the Yankee Stadium." The Stadium always has been his favorite park, although he twice met defeat there against the Cubans. His long-term record in New York big-league parks is seven victories, two losses and an 11-inning, 1-to-1 tie with the late Slim Jones.

The once eccentric Satch, who boasted he ate nothing but fried foods, has changed. He gave up those ideas when ulcers almost counted him out. In fact, he now has a personal trainer, a luxury few big leaguers enjoy.

Paige discontinued profitable winter barnstorming to the tropical lands a few years ago, but he still averages $20,000 a year. Satch is on salary with the Monarchs but collects a percentage of the gate for all games in which he pitches. Last Thursday evening he turned up in Pittsburgh instead of Washington, where the club was scheduled.

Baird finally got him on the phone. "If you don't get here you'll lose your percentage—and we're going to draw a big house," the secreary warned. Paige caught a 7:10 plane out of Pittsburgh and was in uniform at Griffith Stadium by 9. The game was called in the sixth because of rain and Paige didn't have to pitch. But he got his percentage from the 24,000 house. He's eccentric nowadays; eccentric like a fox.



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Lefty Gomez, with Satchel Paige. Lefty remembers when Paige threw only two deliveries—"hard and harder."

CLAUDE YOUNG WINS NATIONAL

Defender JUNIOR DASH

3,000 Meters Walk To James Wilson; Bates Is Discus Champ

NEW YORK. — With Pvt. Frank Dixon, highly regarded Negro mile sensation and Pvt. Norwood Barney Ewell, one of the fasest sprinters in the country, both on the sidelines, the 55th annual National A.A.U. Track and Field championships were run off Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the benefit of the Army Air Forces Society at Triboro Stadium where on Sunday a crowd of 18,000 saw Gundar Haag, the celebrated Swede distance ace, run away from Notre Dame's J. Gregory Rice, but which did not see a single Negro athlete win a first place.

Only one colored athlete won a senior title and that was James Wilson, representing the Maccabi A.C., who won the 3,000 meter senior championship walk on Saturday. The flying heels of Halold Davis, the California white hope who is presently the world's fast-test human, cut short the hopes of some of the nation's fastest Negro sprinters including Herb Thompson of Jersey City, Ed Greenidge of the New York Pioneer club and the Metropolitan A.A.U. champ; Edward Conwell of New York university, Herbert Douglas Jr., of Pittsburgh (former protege of Ralph Metcalfe at Xavier university), and tiny Claude Young, Chicago's newest candidate for the mantle shed by Eddie Tolan, his counterpart, at least in size.

Davis romped off with both the 100 and 200 meters titles unchallenged in both races. He hit the wire in the 100 meters in 10.3, a record equalling performance. He snatched the 200 meters in 20.2 seconds, a new world record which, however, the officials refused to allow because of a strong wind at Davis' back. Thompson was second in the 100 with Greenidge, Conwell and Claude Young following in that order.

Greenidge was second in the 200 meters. Conwell placed fourth and the former Temple university flash, Eulace Peacock, running for the U. S. Coast Guard at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., was sixth.

Young Wins 100 Meters

Negroes, however, dominated the junior title bracket on Saturday, with Claude Young taking top honors for his performances in the 100 meters. The Wendell Phillips high school sprint sensation crashed the tape in 10.5, a record-tying effort, twice to win the championship in that event.

Young did 10.5 in his trial heat and did it again in the final. Bobby Anderson, founder of the Old Tymers club of Chicago and who is coaching Young, scratched his protege in the 200 meters dash and the 200 meters hurdles in order to let him concentrate on winning the 100. Claude won handily and might have won the broad jump had his legs been in condition. Because the lad is but 17 years old, Anderson felt he was doing wisely to save him for future competition. Anderson allowed him to run in the 100 meters against Davis Sunday and in that fast company, Greenidge, Conwell and Thompson, he didn't have a ghost of a chance.

Young was third in the junior broad jumy.

Junior championships went also to Clifford Goldstein, former City College of New York distance star, who captured the 5,000 meters title in 16:18.5; Herbert McKenley of Boston, scholarly West Indian who won the 400 meters run in 47.7; Leonard Bates, ex-N.Y.U. football player, who took the discus throw with 146 feet 7¼ inches, and Harold Mayes, Pioneer club, who took the hop, step and jump with 43 feet 10¼ inches.

Bill Watson, former University of Michigan Big Ten champ, now competing for the Detroit Police A.A., picked up fifth place in the shot put with a 49 foot 8½ inch effort and captured fourth place in the discus throw with 130 feet 3 inches. He placed fourth in the 56-pound weight throw with 33 feet 2 inches and tied with Clarence Lewis, colored ace of Rankin, Pa., at 23 feet 6 inches for fourth place in the broad jump. A white boy, Billy Christopher of Rice Institute, Texas, won this event, usually won by Negro athletes. Christopher won with 24 feet 4 5-8 inches. Eulace Peacock took second with 24 feet ½ inch. Maurice B. Blakemore, Tuskegee flying school, was second in the hop-step and jump.

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Chalky Defeats Cuban

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Ex-Featherweight Champ Gets Off Floor to Triumph

HAVANA, Cuba — Chalky Wright, of Los Angeles, stopped Kid Nacional, Cuban featherweight champion in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout Saturday night.

Wright, former featherweight champion of the world, handed the Cuban titleholder a terrific left hook midway in the third round and Kid Nacional crossed with a right that sent Chalky to beating before the Kid's seconds decided the Kid had enough punishment. The referee stopped the bout.

Wright weighed 127; Kid Nacional, the Cleveland old boy, Jimmy, Jr., is competing for the Detroit Police A.A., picked up fifth place in the shot put with a 49 foot 8½ inch effort and captured fourth place in the discus throw with 130 feet 3 inches. He placed fourth in the 56-pound weight throw with 33 feet 2 inches and tied with Clarence Lewis, colored ace of Rankin, Pa., at 23 feet 6 inches for fourth place in the broad jump. A white boy, Billy Christopher of Rice Institute, Texas, won this event, usually won by Negro athletes. Christopher won with 24 feet 4 5-8 inches. Eulace Peacock took second with 24 feet ½ inch. Maurice B. Blakemore, Tuskegee flying school, was second in the hop-step and jump.

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Paige Stars As Monarchs Win In Yankee Stadium

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By WENDELL SMITH, Sports' Editor

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 27—Here today in spacious Yankee Stadium, Leroy "Satchel" Paige and the Kansas City Monarchs put on a great show before 22,000 roaring fans as they defeated the fighting New York Cubans a 6 to 3 score.

The mighty batcher was in rare form as he baffled the Manhattan Latins for five innings. The tall, slim fireballer from Birmingham, Ala., gave the record-breaking crowd that turned out to see him do his stuff something to talk about. He let the Islanders down without a run, gave up four hits and sent five determined Cubans down via the strikeout route.

BARNHILL ERRORS

Little "Impo" Barnhill, the Cubans brilliant right hand ace, pitched a creditable ball game, but lost it himself in the seventh with a wild heave which resuletd in a trio of markers for the Missouri clan and consequently the ball game. At the time Barnhill made his wild heave, on a froced play at third, the score was deadlocked at 3-3.

The famous Paige started the game for Kansas City and breezed through the first five innings with ease. Meantime, his mates scored twice in the first inning and again in the fifth. Those three runs were enough for Satchel to work on and he smothered the Cuban attack while the big crowd roared its approval.

MONARCHS SCORE

Kansas City broke the ice in the initial inning when Williams, smooth fielding shortstop and Simms both beat out slow rollers to Martinez at short. After Souell had forced Williams at third, Willard Brown, Monarch centerfielder advanced Simms and Souell on a bounder to Barnhill.

Bonnie Serrell registered the third infield hit of the inning, and Simms came romping home with the first run of the game. Then "Big John" O'Neil came through with a whistling double to right and Souell came on home from second.

Kansas City scored again in the fifth when Souell doubled to center with two away, and came home on Willard Brown's single to center.

RALLY FAILS

Meantime, Satchel Paige had the Cubans on the run. The only real chance the Cubans had to score off the "Great One" was in the fourth when Vargas opened with a double to left and got as far as third, after Coimbre had beat out an infield hit. Coimbre stole second and the Cubans were in a threatening position. After he had fanned Perez, Satchel gave Linares an intentional pass, and then made Roosevelt Cox, Cuban catcher, hit to him on the mound. Satchel threw out Cox at first and the inning was over.

After holding the Latins in the fifth, Satchel made his exit, and Booker McDaniels succeeded him in the sixth. McDaniels got off to a bad start in the sixth when the Cubans chalked up three runs to tie up the ball game.

CUBANS SCORE

With one down, Perez singled to right and came dashing home when Linares' looping single got past Willard Brown in center. Linares went to second on the throw-in to catch the fleet-footed Perez and came home when Cox singled to center. Cox advanced a base when Brown also heaved the horsehide home in an effort to get Perez. Cox moved to third on an infield out, and scored when young Henry Thompson in right field misjudged Martinez' drive for a three-base error. That tied the ball game up, and with Satchel out the Cubans' hopes for victory were revived.

Kansas City didn't wait long, however, to get back the three-run lead they had given up. In the seventh, Williams was safe, when Cox and Martinezz got mixed up on a easy roller in the vicinity of shortstop. Simms singled to left, and when Souell bunted in an effort to advance the base runners, Barnhill fielded the ball and then threw wildly past Cox at third and Williams and Simms came on home, and Souell went all the way to third. Bonnie Serrell's lusty blow to deep center was snared by Vargas, but it was enough to sacrifice Souell home with the third run of the inning.

From that time on, Booker McDaniels was almost as puzzling to the Cubans as Paige had been. Only ten men faced him in the last three frames. Martinez got a single in the ninth, but that was the extent of the Cubans efforts.

If Barnhill hadn't thrown wildly in the seventh, permitting two Kansas City runs in, it might have been a very close ball game. The Monarchs got ten hits off the little fireball hurler, but he was effecive nevertheless. He gave but two bases on ball in nine innings, which indicates he had control, and struck out six of the world's sepia champions from Kansas City.

The throng of 22,000 was the largest of the year for sepia games at Yankee Stadium.

In the first game of the day, the Cubans battered the hopeless New York Black Yanks, 6 to 2. Howard of the Cubans let the Yanks down with five hits, while the Islanders were pounding Stanley and Roberts for ten clouts, including five extra base blows.

KANSAS CITY	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Williams,ss	5	1	2	0
Simms,lf..	5	2	2	0
Souell,3b..	5	3	1	0
Brown,cf.	4	0	1	0
Sorrell,2b.	4	0	1	0
O'Neil,1b..	4	0	2	0
Tho'psonrf	4	0	1	1
Duncan,c..	2	0	0	0
Paige,p...	3	0	0	0
McD'iels,p	1	0	0	0
Totals...	37	6	10	1

N. Y. CUBANS	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Martinez,ss	5	0	1	1
Thomas,1b.	5	0	1	0
Vargas,cf..	3	0	1	0
Brooks,c...	5	0	0	0
Coimbre,rf.	4	0	2	0
Perez,2b...	4	1	1	0
Linares,lf..	3	1	1	0
Cox,3b....	4	1	1	0
Barnhill,p ..	3	0	0	1
Totals....	36	3	8	2

Another Jim-Crow Bowling Alley Hits the Dust!

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(Special to the Daily Worker)

OAKLAND, June 17.—Another Jim Crow bowling alley has been cracked!

A target of labor, Negro and progressive organizations for the past few months, the California Recreation Company this week withdrew its Hitler-like "No Negroes Allowed" policy after a citizens' delegation visited the management.

Armed with petitions and resolutions backed by thousands of Oakland residents, the delegation protested the discrimination which has prevented many young war workers from obtaining recreation, and demanded equal treatment for all people.

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MANAGER SIGNS STATEMENT

After attempting to deny that he pursued a Jim Crow policy, Manager Frank Croy signed the following statement under a resolution of the Alameda County CIO Council:

"I, as manager of the California Recreation Company, have read the above resolution, one of many from various unions and civic organizations.

"I hereby state that I am in accord with statements expressed and declare that in the future I shall not refuse service to any person because of race, color or creed."

Member of th United Nations Club of the Young Communist League immediately reserved a night at the alley and successfully bowled when they appeared at the appointed time. It was the YCL that first encountered the discrimination and then organized the campaign to eliminate it.

Mayor Frieden, head of the delegation and Alameda county YCL secretary, expressed gratification at the campaign's results and pointed out that organized protest is the most effective answer to discrimination.

He citied similar situation and corresponding results in San Francisco and Los Angeles and added that in each instance the overwhelming majority of citizens gave their enthusiastic support to the campaigns.

RECREATION VITAL TO WAR

The CIO resolution declared:

"This denial of elementary civil rights (discrimination) would be shocking in peacetime, but today our nation is engaged in a life and death struggle against the Fascist powers and their doctrines of racial superiority.

"Today discrimination because of race, color or national origin is Oakland, whether in bowling, housing or jobs, disunites our people and endangers victory.

"Recreation is vital to the health and morale of our war workers, whose physical fitness is necessary for all-out production.

"Therefore, we protest these discriminatory acts and urge you to comply with the spirit of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802 which expressly prohibits discrimination because of race, color or national origin."

Other organizations that endorsed the resolution besides the CIO and YCL, were: United Steelworkers Local 1798, Warehouse Union Local 6 (Oakland unit), Machinists Local 1304, Shipyard Workers Committee Against Discrimination, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Utility Workers Organizing Committee Local 134, and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 1422.

QM's Drop Interracial Army Softball Contest

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LONDON, Aug. 12—The softball bebugaboo felled another colored outfit, heretofore undefeated at baseball, when a QM nine was bested by an Artillery cast, 7 to 3, in the first interracial clash of Ameri- Sgt. James Hines (Savannah) c; Sgt. Albert Banks (Heflin, La.) sf; Pvt. Clifden Bunyan (Corona, N. Y.) ss; Pvt. Herdie McPherson (Atlanta) 1b, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Taylor, p.

The QM's, who barring their one circus catch, ending the threat. The QM's, who will face Ewell and

Ewell And Peacock Head List Of Stars Entered In Dash

Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

By JONATHAN WHITE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 15—Added to the martial air that will prevail over this year's Penn Relay Carnival, the 49th renewal of the historic track and field meet here, April 23 and 24, will be an unplanned rivalry between youth and age.

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Because the entry list has been opened to athletes now serving in the various service units, a number of veteran stars who ordinarily would have hung up their spikes, or at least would not have been eligible to compete in relay events, will be competing against a group of youngsters making their initial appearance in the headliner events in relays.

Eulace Peacock, Adam Berry and Barney Ewell, all names familiar to followers of the relays and now wearers of Uncle Sam's khaki will find themselves pitted against such newcomers to Franklin Field as Harrison Dillard of Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, N. Y. U's Eddie Conwell and Michigan's John Roxborough.

VETERANS RETURN

Little need be said about the records of Eulace Peacock, Temple 100 yard dash champion and relay star of the few major sprint honors to elude the University's greatest track star, has turned to football, if the Wolverines de-throng of 1000 saw the Ann Arbor sume a 1 to 1 lead, has small Ohio school, and Conwell, dle distance excellent ti

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Winning Olympic '100' Greatest Thrill For Owens

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EDITOR'S NOTE—Jesse Owens, greatest track and field man of all times, has already become a legendary sports figure, although he has not passed his thirtieth birthday. Now employed in the personnel department of the Ford Motor Company, the former Ohio State athlete has had a personal life as colorful as his meteoric athletic career. His single feat of breaking three world's records and equaling a fourth in one afternoon at Ann Arbor, Mich., was enough to place him at the top of the track "Hall of Fame." Later, however, he smashed international precedence by winning four first-place medals in the last Olympic meet held in Berlin in 1936. This is the account of the Greatest Thrill of the Greatest sprinter of all times.

(As told to John R. Williams)

"My career as a scholastic and collegiate athlete began in 1928 in the Fairmont Junior High school in Cleveland, Ohio. I was fortunate in having a good coach in the person of Charles Riley and began breaking records from the start, participating in sprints, low hurdles and the broad jump. However, perhaps my first thrill came when I discovered that I could also succeed in the high jump, and won a medal offered by one of the largest downtown jewelry stores of Cleveland, when I jumped six feet.



JESSE OWENS

The meet was held at night and was called an "open house" event. All the kids used to bring their parents to see them participate, and on this occasion my mother and father were there sitting in the balcony watching me win that medal. Later the same year I jumped 22 feet 11¾ inches in the broad jump for a new junior high school record, which still stands as the world's record in that class. The same day I also set a new record in the 120 low hurdles. The time was 13.5 seconds, and I also won the high jump with six feet in that same meet.

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High School Track Team Won Every Meet

The following fall I entered high school with perhaps the strongest team that ever represented a secondary school in this or any other country. We won every track meet from 1930 to 1933, but the biggest year was when I was a senior and participated in the National Inter-scholastic meet held at Chicago. There were also national collegiates participating in the same meet. To me it was a great thrill to win the championship which was the first time our school had ever won the national interscholastic championship. In that particular meet I ran the 100 yards in 9.4 seconds to equal the world's record and to create a national interscholastic record. I also won the 220 in 20.7 seconds, setting a new interscholastic record in the broad jump by leaping 24 feet 11¾ inches. The funny thing about this was that just an hour before I set my record Eulace Peacock had just set a new interscholastic record with a leap of 24 feet 5⅛ inches.

The scene changes to my freshman year in college. I had entered Ohio State and Larry Snyder was my coach. As a freshman I was able to break the world's record for 60 meters and the 60-yard dash indoors at the Madison Square Garden in 1934.

Broke Three Records At Ann Arbor

In 1935, one of my biggest years, I was able to break three world's records and tied the fourth in the same afternoon at Ann Arbor, Mich., when I ran the 100 in 9.4 seconds to equal the world's record; set a new record in 220 by doing it in 20.6; a new record in the broad jump with a leap of 26 feet 8¼ inches and a new world's record in the 220 low hurdles, the time being 22.6.

After that meet in Ann Arbor I traveled to California for the first time, competing in a dual meet at the University of Southern California where our team almost upset the widely heralded U.S.C. team. We lost the meet by one point and then continued to Berkeley for the National Collegiates, where I was fortunate to win four first places—the 100-yard dash, the 220, the broad jump and low hurdles. That was the first time that any athlete competing in a National Collegiate meet had ever won four first places.

Leaving California we went to Lincoln, Neb., to compete in the National Collegiate, where I was defeated for the first time in my college career, finishing third behind Eulace Peacock and Ralph Metcalfe. In the same year, 1936, there was much doubt as to whether or not the Olympics would be held in Berlin. War clouds had begun to form and my heart began to flutter. I had been pointing towards the 1936 Olympics since I entered junior high school in 1928. Day after day I would ask myself "will my dream come true," the dream of course concerned my participation in the Olympics. Finally the trials were held for the 1936 Olympics at Randall Island, New York, and I won the 100 meters, the 220 meters, and the broad jump.

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Olympic Games His Greatest Thrill

The above-mentioned victories however were merely a stepping stone leading to my greatest thrill. The reason I say this is because every man participating in the Olympic events is a potential winner in his particular field. To stick closer to the subject I would like to go more into details.

In events in which I was entered I consider the 100 meters the highlight event. I knew that the winner in that is always given the title, the "world's fastest human." Naturally I wanted to win that one event as of course did every other man entered. After two days of competition in the three-day meet at Berlin the field had boiled down to six men who had survived for the finals—Ralph Metcalfe of the U.S.A., Brockmire of Germany, Haney of Switzerland, Frank Wycoff of U.S.A. and Goodendorf of Sweden. These six men were the ones who had qualified for the finals which I was fortunate in winning. After the race was over I came back to the bench, and if my thoughts could be put in words they would be something like this:

"Six boys walk out on the field unnoticed for the 100 meter race . . . unnoticed because a German boy had won an Olympic victory in a field event, and the crowd was giving him the same kind of ovation that is due an Olympic champion. As we walked unnoticed, my eyes wondered across the field; I noticed the green grass, the red tracks with the white lines and the stands where 120,000 people were seated. I noticed the flag of every nation beneath that bright blue German sky. My attention was diverted then because the whistle had blown indicating that we were to assemble in front of the starter to receive our final instructions for the great 100 meter dash. After the instructions had been given the starter stepped back about 10 paces and yelled in a loud German voice, 'On your mark!' In a somewhat softer tone he yelled 'Get set'; just then every muscle in my body was strained.

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Raced It Out With Ralph Metcalfe

"It seemed like ten minutes before the gun went off, but at the crack of the gun the six of us dashed from the mark as one individual—simultaneously. We ran neck and neck for the first 50 yards; then Ralph Metcalfe forged a little ahead and was leading until the 70-yard mark. From the 70 to the 90 Ralph and I ran neck and neck, but somehow with God-given added strength and speed I got out in front and beat Ralph Metcalfe in the most historic track event of my life, but the greatest honor came when we stood on the Pedestal of Victory, after we had knelt, and received the wreath of victory from a German maiden.

"As we stood there facing the stands we could hear the strains of the 'Star Spangled Banner,' and as the people in the stands stood, the Germans gave the Nazi salute; the Americans gave the American salute, and we there on the Pedestal of Victory did a left face. I noticed the Stars and Stripes rise higher and higher. The higher the Stars and Stripes rose the louder the strains of the 'Star Spangled Banner' became. Then and there I realized that the ambition of my athletic career I had become a member of Uncle Sam's Olympic team and winner of the 100 meter dash had become a reality—that was the GREATEST THRILL of my athletic career."

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BASEBALL AND THE WAR

With the first half of baseball season behind its hardly believable organized Negro baseball has contributed so little in the way of benefit performances. Surely, no local baseball enthusiast has been touched on the patriotic side by our adopted Washington Homestead Grays' war contribution.

Washington Tribune

What brings this to mind so forceful is the Washington Senators' co-operative spirit in putting over two such games, the first, a war bond game sponsored by the Washington Post, a daily publication, and the second, a war relief benefit, sponsored by the Touchdown Club and the American Legion. Both mentioned games were highly successful and proved beyond a doubt white organized baseball is not bossed by a selfish lot.

Of course, for an alibi, many will retaliate with both above mentioned games had sponsors and to date no such groups have approached the Grays regarding a benefit show. This is very true, yet we can hardly vision a business like organized Negro baseball sitting around awaiting a sponsor for something that will advance their worth in the eyes of the nation, threefolds.

It's also true, Mr. Eastman, of the Office of Defense Transportation, dealt our baseball a severe jolt when he applied the same travel restrictions to Negro baseball as applied to white major leaguers. Negro baseball's only means of transportation was by gasoline and when this was cut off baseball was supposed to be out as far as Negro professionals were concerned. The public demanded continuation of Negro baseball and this same public demands Negro baseball organizations join in the war efforts. Washington, D. C.

In demanding a benefit game local followers of Negro baseball want to hold their heads high when mention is made regarding sports as a morale builder is raised. When such a game is staged, not only will followers of Negro baseball join the parade, but many who have desired visiting Griffith Stadium while the Senators are away will be on hand.

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Satchel Paige Getting No Younger, Is Losing More Ball Games

Daily Worker, New York City

The following article is reprinted from the New York World-Telegram. We don't here because it is not common knowledge that three column story on a Negro baseball star to appear in a commercial paper. We know the story the Telegram

ran a photo of Lefty Gomez and Paige smiling together.

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Is time catching up with old Satch? Baseball-minded gentry are asking this question about the best known of all Negro ballplayers, LeRoy (Satchel) Paige, who admits to 36 years of age in this his 19th pitching season.

Paige, who comes to Yankee Stadium Sunday with the Kansas City Monarchs for a game with the New York Cubans, has been drawing like honey in a fly colony in his Eastern appearances, but the ancient flipper isn't what it used to be, or so it seems.

At Griffith Stadium in Washington, D. C., last Sunday Paige was knocked out of the box by the Homestead Grays while 19,000 watched incredulously. He was plastered for eight hits and seven runs in three innings.

Going to the well every day, or night, was easy years ago, but when Paige started against the Philadelphia Stars Monday at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, before 24,000 he was smacked around for five hits and two runs in three innings.

The late spring, which pitchers in the majors complained about, handicapped Paige no end.

The Monarchs were rained out almost continuously in early and mid-May and Satch's first chance to work against real competition didn't come until Memorial Day. That afternoon he pitched the last three innings against the American Giants at Chicago in Comiskey Park. It even rained that afternoon.

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So Cold Paige Had to Wear Full-Length Suit

Tom Baird, secretary of the club, says that on June 8, when Paige went four innings in a night game at Rochester, it was so cold his gaunt 6-foot-3 frame had to be encased in a full-length undersuit.

Paige concedes he is far from the pitcher he was in the early '30s, when he more than coped with Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Rollie Hemsley and countless big leaguers in Pacific Coast winter baseball.

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As Lefty Gomez verified in a recent fanning bee with the veteran right-hander, his delivery then consisted of two kinds of pitches—"hard and harder." Today he "fogs them in there," in the words of his own idol, Dizzy Dean, only occasionally. Most of the time he's using tricky stuff.

Paige is disinclined to talk about his slump. He insists he'll be himself any day, "probably will fool everybody and spring the stopper Sunday at the Yankee Stadium." The Stadium always has been his favorite park, although he twice met defeat there against the Cubans. His long-term record in New York big-league parks is seven victories, two losses and an 11-inning, 1-to-1 tie with the late Slim Jones.

The once eccentric Satch, who boasted he ate nothing but fried foods, has changed. He gave up those ideas when ulcers almost counted him out. In fact, he now has a personal trainer, a luxury few big leaguers enjoy.

Paige discontinued profitable winter barnstorming to the tropical lands a few years ago, but he still averages $20,000 a year. Satch is on salary with the Monarchs but collects a percentage of the gate for all games in which he pitches. Last Thursday evening he turned up in Pittsburgh instead of Washington, where the club was scheduled.

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Baird finally got him on the phone. "If you don't get here you'll lose your percentage—and we're going to draw a big house," the secretary warned. Paige caught a 7:10 plane out of Pittsburgh and was in uniform at Griffith Stadium by 9. The game was called in the sixth because of rain and Paige didn't have to pitch. But he got his percentage from the 24,000 house. He's eccentric nowadays, eccentric like a fox.

SHOWDOWN LOOMS IN SPORTS POLICY OF WAR DEPARTMENT

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

During the past week, the Army's ban on student trainees stationed on various college campuses participating in intercollegiate sports took the spotlight, when the Central Office of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association met in New York City. Much time was devoted to a discussion of the value of competitive sports and the carry-over into combat tactics. These arguments were very sound but unnecessary, since even the most short-sighted army officials recognize the value of competitive sports to the men in the armed forces. Representative Samuel A. Weiss, of Pennsylvania is taking the lead in this campaign against the Army's sports ban, and the latest strategy has been to take the matter to President Roosevelt for final settlement.

FEW NEGRO COLLEGES WILL BE AFFECTED BY REVERSAL OF POLICY

AUG 1 1943

The writer is whole-heartedly in favor of any steps that will mean the survival of intercollegiate sports for the duration, but is aware of the fact that the present controversy over the Army's ban on trainees competing in intercollegiate sports will mean very little to Negro colleges. If the writer's check-up on colleges having students trainees is accurate, the present group includes, Tuskegee Institute, Howard University, West Virginia State, and A. and T. College, and Prairie View College and Wilberforce University are slated to open training schools on August 15. It is evident then, that lifting the ban would create the problem of giving this relatively small number of schools an advantage over their conference opponents. Thus it seems that for all practical purposes it would be more desirable for the army schools to have service teams, and schedule games with various college teams in their respective areas.

While no official statements have been made by athletic officials of colleges in the Southern Conference, indications are that most of these institutions will continue their intercollegiate sports program rf sufficient manpower is available. The fact that most athletic officials contacted unofficially by the writer are optimistic about football, is a very encouraging sign. Few, in any, of last years' crop of stars will answer the call in September, but the coaches are certain to develop representative teams to entertain sports fans each week-end during October and November.

ARMY SPORTS POLICY INCONSISTENT

AUG 1 1943

One thing that puzzles sports observers is the inconsistency of the army's sports policy. The War Department has consistently refused to approve any of the proposed fights between Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion and Cpl. Billy Conn, while other boxers in the armed forces, have been permitted to fight. "Sugar" Ray Robinson was rated by experts as the superior of Willie Cochrane, the welterweight king, but could not get a shot at him because he was in the Navy. On the other hand, since Robinson's induction, he has had one big fight, and is now looking forward to an engagement with "Hammering" Henry Armstrong. In addition to the cases mentioned above, there are numerous instances of army athletes competrng in track and golf events. The officials of the War Department could avoid much embarrassment and criticism, if they would adopt a long-range policy of permitting servicemen to compete in all sports events, providing of course, such participation will not interfere with the war effort.

ATLANTA COPS TWO FROM BLACK YANKS

SEP 1 1943

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 16.—The Atlanta Black Crackers took both ends of a doubleheader from the New York Black Yankees Sunday afternoon in Ponce DeLeon park winning the first 7 to 6 and the nightcap 7 to 1.

Percy Forrest, pitching ace for the New Yorkers, was the victim in the first game and McCrary was the losing hurler in the nightcap.

In winning the first game Sunday the Atlanta team from behind in the 7th to overwhelm the Black Yankees with a batting spree.

They were out for revenge over their opponents for the trouncing they received in the East and over-came a five run lead to win.

Manager Lewis of the Atlanta crew was the hero of the first game when he pinch hit in the ninth inning and hit a long sacrifice fly to score the final and winning run. Sarvis, a new pitcher, was given credit for a double win when he was relieved in the third inning of the second game with severe pains in the chest. He relieved Allen who pitched nice ball in the seven innings he was in the game to get credit for the first victory.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Braves Blackcats And Atlanta Brave Open Baseball Season Sunday

Atlanta baseball fans are eagerly awaiting the opening game of the season, which will be played between the Atlanta Braves and Black Cats at the Atlanta Braves, crack team of the Semi-Pro League, Sunday afternoon, at Harper's Field

Manager Sammy Haynes, of the Atlanta Braves will have practically the same team that made such a great record in the League last season, plus the addition of Jimmy (Pig) Greene, former big league catcher.

Among the Black Cat veterans has Joseph "Bubber" Byrd, first baseman; J. C. Moore, short-stop and J. C. Cunningham, who formerly played with the Atlanta Tigers. Key Harper, second baseman; and J. T. McFarland, pitcher; In winning the first game Sunday Manager Lewis will start three sational hurler, Maceo Wright, of the newcomers J. M. Moore, who came a five run lead to win. Manager Lewis of the Atlanta crew was the hero of the first game when he pinch hit in the ninth inning and hit a long sacrifice fly to score the final and winning run. Sarvis, a new pitcher, was given credit for a double win when he was relieved in the third inning of the second game with severe pains in the chest. He relieved Allen who pitched nice ball in the seven innings he was in the game to get credit for the first victory. Manager Barker, who relieved McCrary in the second game, pitched great ball, giving up one score, while Bir Jim Echols, who relieved Sarvis, gave up one run for five innings.

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No Hold-Overs From Last Year's Team; Mann Captain

Bears Nab Four Berths; Pirates Take Three; 4 Frosh Backs On Second Team

By LEM GRAVES Jr.
Journal and Guide Sports Editor

NORFOLK—There are several unique features to this year's Journal and Guide All-CIAA football team, picked from among the six teams which participated in football during the hectic, unpredictable grid season just passed.

In the first place, this is definitely not a team of all-time world beaters. Many of the men who made the first team this year are sophomores who have not been really tried, while others are conscientious but not necessarily brilliant lads who would probably find it hard to get on either of the first three teams in a normal year.

Most unique feature is the fact that this team boasts not a single holdover from last year's team. That situation has not existed in many seasons. Not one of last year's first team even played this year. Those lads are, for the most part, carrying on the battle against the enemies of their country on the world's fighting fronts.

Out of the current choices for all-conference honors, Hampton's Bobby Mann, most popular selection, stacks up as probably the most eligible star for the select circle of all-time greats. His stellar performances on offense and defense stamp him as one of the really great ends to have won this coveted honor. He is a junior but hopes to graduate in June and may not play again. Also showing class over the four year route is A. and T.'s Roy Gearing who gets the other end post.

HAMPTON SHOWS OFFENSE

Morgan and Hampton dominated this year's team with the Bears placing four men and Hampton getting three. The Morgan Bears have usually dominated CIAA teams in the past few years but the emergence of Hampton as an offensive power with two backs and a pass catching end on the first team is something new.

The lads who played this year were younger and considerably smaller than usual. However, they didn't lack either the drive or the determined spirit which marked the veteran teams of previous years. They gave their all and spectators saw mighty good football this year, despite the emergency and the diminutive sizes of the players.

ENDS

There was little argument on the matter of ends. Mann has done everything that could be asked of an end and, in addition, has done it so spectacularly that his performance was impressed indelibly on the minds of coaches, and spectators. Quite as efficient defensively, although he cannot match passes, was Mann's teammate, John Bailey. But Bailey was not as spectacular. Gearing has made an uphill fight for an all-star berth for years. But he's been overshadowed by the sensational Jack Brayboy, his own teammate—Grady Smith, Big Walter Hurley and other stars of the golden, pre-war, age.

This year he comes into his own with a popular nomination to this team. Preston Grimsley, of Morgan, proved the Bear workhorse. He shifted from guard to end and did very good at it . He was beaten out at this spot because of the switch, we think. Gearing's consistent showing at end for several seasons influenced the decision in his favor. For the sake of his team, Grimsley has sacrificed what would almost surely have been an all-star nomination at guard.

Mann is the logical choice for all-CIAA captain for this season.

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

TACKLES

The tackle spots were hardest to fill. Bulwark of the strong Morgan defense line was huge, 210 pound, Clarence "Big House" Gaines. This lad has all the physical qualifications and should have been a terror against the relatively small opponents he faced. He was, however, a war-time choice and would probably have been edged by more vicious linesmen in the days of real- top-notch tackles. Virginia State's Captain Melvin Ferebee drew the other tackle berth. Hampton linemen report they found him harder to move than Gaines. Ferebee, who is a Norfolk lad, has come along slowly and has developed into a clever and hard-hitting tackle.

GUARDS

Despite the minor disciplinary problem which kept him out of the Morgan game, State's David "Catfish" Battle draws one of the guard berths. Here was a lad with the real, pre-war viciousness. He looked and acted as a "killer." Built just right for a guard on offense, State used him to back up its line and there is where he really showed his stuff. By missing the Morgan game, Battle missed the chance to really prove that he did belong in the charmed circle of all-timers and that he was not of the rationed quality at all. He must prove it yet.

The teams that opposed the not-too-impressive Smith Bulls were unanimous in their respect for Captain Elbie Fletcher. The Hampton Pirates voted him the toughest guard they faced. He held up an other-wise weak forward wall.

CENTER

The decision for the first string center post was the toughest to reach. The two men in question were: Morgan's Flan Couch and Hampton's Saunders Chase. Unquestionably, Chase had a slight edge as a backer-up. Despite his size, he was a terrific defensive star. However, he operated at a disadvantage on offense. Hampton used a T-formation for the most part and the center simply handed the ball to Bob King, quarterback, who then took the center of the stage and did the real ball handling. Because the quarterback obscured the spectator's vision, how the center blocked on offense was hard to determine.

On the other hand, Couch's precise timing of the ball to the moving Morgan backs that gave the Bear backs a split second lead was perfect all season. Couch, who has performed for five years in the CIAA and is now in the United States Army, gets the call on experience and length of service over the sophomore, Chase, who is seeing his first season as a varsity center.

(Editor's Note: Couch has violated no eligibility rule. He played two years in high school at St. Paul and was still eligible for four years of collegiate play at Morgan under the transfer privileges given St. Paul students before that college became a four year institution. He can still play another season at Morgan.)

THE BACKS

The first string backfield may not satisfy those who like to see the four best and most versatile backs chosen. However, this is a backfield qualified to play as a unit with every position filled by the best man for that spot. Take Bobby King, Hampton's senior quarterback. He thinks fast, is an ideal team leader and field general, is cool, passes beautifully to any spot, handles the ball of the T-formation with dexterity, runs well in the broken field (witness his 103 yard dash) and plays a bang-up defensive game in the safety spot. He edges Morgan's Luther Thomas because of his amazing versatility.

There can be little quarrel with the choice of Tom Casey, of Hampton for the left halfback or tailback spot. There will be those who will argue that one of the freshmen sensations would have drawn this spot but we fail to see any frosh star who could punt as consistently as Casey, plough into a line as hard, and still operate in the open field as elusively. He also tossed passes and was a genuine triple threat who had passed the two year test with flying colors. Freshmen have to be awfully good to break into a first string all-star lineup.

The right half or blocking back post goes to Morgan's Cal Irving hands down. He was terrific on the reverses which Morgan features and was tough to handle in the open field. Similarly unanimous is the choice of Fred Burgess of Morgan for the fullback spot. He smashed into the line with the speed and power of Wally Mosby, but he had the edge on Mosby when he got into the secondary. He was a dangerous broken field runner and he scored many a Morgan touchdown this fall.

Of these backs, King is through and hopes to coach at his high school in Dayton, Ohio, next year. But keep your eyes on those other three backs, Casey, Irving, and Burgess. They may break into the all-time group during their next two years if they get by the Army induction.

UPON the brawny and (we wager) dependable shoulders of Phillips' gridiron marvels rests a grave responsibility.

As the city's probable Public League champions smash through all opposition toward their most important goal line this week in the Kelly Bowl classic—the bugaboo of racial friction rears its Medusa-like head.

Deep concern is being felt—and expressed—in certain circles over the so-called tense situation on the sports horizon as teams whose players' skin pigmentation identify them as WHITE and BLACK appear destined to clash for sportdom's coveted prize.

We feel no such concern.

We have seen Phillips meet highly touted teams of the other race. Sportsmanship on the gridiron reigned. Phillips' students were orderly, yet enthusiastic rooters. To them the tilts proved only the survival of the fittest.

We recognize the undercurrents of doubt, the implications, the purported concern and disquietude for what they are. Phillips, if she defeats Steinmetz

FROSH "WHIZ KIDS"

This summary would not be complete without a word for the freshman "whiz kids" who many times stole the spotlight from the veteran backfield stars during the season. The reader will notice that the four most promising of these backs were grouped together in the second string backfield. They are kids who will bear watching too. Charles Weaver of A. and T., Terry Day of Morgan, Elmore Harris of Morgan and Dick Salters of Virginia State, could all have been chosen on that frosh team without much loss.

They were really great backs this year, and, with a little more seasoning, may make you forget Conrad, Troupe, Briscoe, Bailey, Givens, and the other "greats" of by-gone days. They have the stuff and they filled in nicely for coaches who needed classy performers.

Significantly, these kids are home grown boys. Salters came from Peabody in Petersburg; Weaver was discovered at Orange County Training School, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Day, was developed at Armstrong Tech in Washington; and Harris is a transfer from the high school department at Dover State College in Delaware. Maybe, there is a moral here.

PHILLIPS' RESPONSIBILITY

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Saturday in Soldier's Field, will be the first Negro high school football team to play the coveted Kelly bowl game.

And Phillips realizes how high the stakes are. Each boy and girl has assumed the responsibility of proving that COLOR does not obviate his or her sense of fair play; nor does it preclude participation in fair competition—all things equal. Paramount is the determination that nothing shall mar Phillips' record.

We are with you, champions.

It's a big order, but smash through to win your toughest game. Prove to Chicago and the world that only the fittest—BLACK or WHITE—are deserving of the spoils of any endeavor.

IRA LEWIS TO LANDIS

Colored Feel Sting of Baseball's Bias

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: Ira Lewis, member of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association, voices viewpoint and hopes of the American and National Leagues' accepting colored players in framework of organized baseball before Judge Kenesaw M. Landis at meeting of leagues in New York.]

By IRA LEWIS

"Since 1894 I have been an ardent baseball fan. I have watched the fortunes of baseball as an American institution like any other American boy. I have played baseball and have been very conversant with the history of our great national game.

"Like all colored people in the United States of America, I have felt the bitter pangs of sorrow and disappointment over the unfair and unjust attitude of organized baseball towards Americans of color.

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"I am quite conversant with the struggle and the agitation that has been going on for more than forty years of organized baseball's attitude towards the colored baseball player. I am, therefore, very happy that you gentlemen have at this time, given us an audience that we might lay before you, dispassionately, our plea for consideration.

Sees Changing Public

"I fully realize the feeling of men owning baseball properties who thought that the American public was not ready to accept the colored player in organized baseball.

"I have appreciated their concern about their nvestment in their baseball properties, but I believe the day has now came, when every question affecting the inclusion of colored in baseball, can be answered by facts based on a changing world and a changing attitude of the general public.

"I believe the American public would not be disturbed by colored men playing in organized baseball. As a matter of fact, I think the public is ready for the change.

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Louis an Example

"I wish to respectfully call to your attention the changed attitude of the sporting public and the general public towards the colored athlete in track, football, basketball and boxing.

"Time was, when we had a color-line in boxing. Thank God, and to the credit of the fine sportsmanship of the general American public, that color-line has gone.

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"It is generally conceded that the present heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, has done as much for boxing by his sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct as any of his honorable predecessors.

"By interviews with big league managers and players, and some owners, we have evidence and their word that they personally have nothing against colored players.

Provide Larger Gates

"It might be also interesting to note here that the largest gates at Madison Square Garden this season, have been gates in which colored athletes have been one or both participants.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md

"This is an indication of the public's acceptance of the colored athletes. It is also quite noteworthy that the largest gate in Chicago during the past season was at the White Sox Park on August 1, when two colored teams played.

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"It is also noteworthy that the largest football crowd to attend any game in America this past season, was at a game last Saturday in Chicago between colored and white high school teams.

Training No Question

"On the questions of travel training and accommodations, we wish to point to you gentlemen the fact that colored stage performers with white casts manage to handle this perplexing problem themselves. And, in so far as Southern training is concerned, the fact should not be lost sight of that training during the 1943 season was done in the North.

"Then, gentlemen, if your investments are not jeopardized, and it is admitted that colored players will add color to the game, both figuratively and literally, and the question of travel and segregation are problems of the players, which added to the fact that the public has accepted the colored athlete, it looks very much as though the bar against the colored player has become an out-moded precedent.

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Would Aid National Unity

"Then, gentlemen, there is the question of national unity. In my humble opinion, there is nothing that you could do that would bring more joy to the hearts of nearly 15 million colored Americans, and many millions of whites, than the lifting of this ban against colored baseball players.

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"I am sure it would make such a difference in your turnstiles as to make you wonder why you hadn't done it years before.

"Your honorable commissioner has stated that there was no written law barring colored players from participation in organized baseball. We thank Judge Landis for this statement.

Sees Gentlemen's Agreement

"But we believe, however, that there is a tacit understanding; there is a gentlemen's agreement, that no colored players be hired.

"This has become a tradition. No few managers and few owners care to break this precedent. But gentlemen, precedents with all their innuendoes are so very [redacted] very unfair, so very un-American.

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"I ask you, gentlemen, in the name of the America we all love, in the name of the democracy that we associate with the word America, that you undo this wrong; that you do away with this precedent, this gentlemen's understanding and agreement, and let our national pastime be a game for all the boys in America.

"I hold this to be just and fair in keeping with the highest American tradition."

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Judge Landis' Stand.

Bee (Magazine Section)
Chicago, Ill.

A [illegible] in New York [illegible] Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, stated clearly and forthrightly that, "there is no rule, nor to my knowledge, has there ever been, formal or informal or any understanding, written or unwritten, subterranean or sub-anything against hiring of Negroes in the big leagues!"

With this clear-cut statement by the high commissioner, it will be left to the big league owners, themselves, to decide whether they will or will not hire Negro ball talent. That they should, is consonant with the democratic spirit of the game. That they have not has been caused by exaggerated presentation of "problems," problems of accommodations and the like. In other sports and among members of the amusement world, "arrangements," though often unsatisfactory as they have been, have nevertheless been made and as a result, elevated the profession to its present status.

DEC [illegible]

Nothing begins with the fulfillment of all purposes of the solution of all problems, but the important thing is to BEGIN. We, therefore urge the immediate beginning of the hiring of Negroes in the majors. It will give the game a needed shot in the arm, reduce its anemia, and afford fans a new lease of enthusiasm and competitive impetus, a stimulant so sorely missing in latter day games.



AMERICANS CONTINUE SPORTS TRADITION IN ENGLAND—Winners of the events in the track meet of a QM Truck Battalion in England recently: first row, left to right: Staff Sgt. John H. Pearson, Huntington, W. Va.; 100, 200 yard dashes; Cpl. James Jones, Birmingham, Ala., 440-yard dash; Pfc. Jesse L. Ramsey Jr., Tulsa, Okla., half mile. Second row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Wallace L. Ford, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Staff Sgt. Lloyd V. Day, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Staff Sgt. Lewis Stevenson, Jr., Norfolk, Va., shot put.

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My GREATEST Thrill!

Barney Ross Win Tops Says Henry

Pittsburgh Pa. Courier

JUN 5

EDITOR'S NOTE:—No thrill series would be complete without a story from Henry Armstrong, labeled in many quarters as being pound for pound the greatest fighting man who ever drew on a pair of padded mittens.

Hustling Henry, Hurricane Hank or the "Miracle man of Fistiania" as he is popularly called, is the only man in ring history to hold three world titles simultaneously. He won featherweight honors October 29, 1937, by kayoing Petey Sarron in 6 rounds at Madison Square Garden; lightweight, August 17, 1938, by decision, Lew Ambers, Madison Square Garden; welterweight, May 31, 1938, Barney Ross, Garden Bowl, Long Island.

Following his welterweight title bout loss to Fritzie Zivic at the Gardens in 1941 he hung up the gloves and went into retirement. Not unlike a veteran firehorse he felt the burning urge to return to the ring wars. Armstrong has since staged the most spectacular comeback in fistic annals. Since June 1, 1942, when he stopped Irish Johnny Taylor in four rounds in San Jose, Calif., the little ex-three crown holder has roared back up the trail to the very threshold of championship honors.

Armstrong was born December 12, 1912, in St. Louis, Mo. He is happily married and has a small daughter. He resides in a picturesque California stucco home in Los Angeles. His present board of strategy consists of George Moore, road manager, Lucius Lomax, business manager, and Norman Saunders, trainer—all three are Negroes.

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By HENRY ARMSTRONG
(As Told to Herman Hill)

LOS ANGELES, June 17—Sport Thrills?—Say I've had a plenty. Boxing has furnished me with enough to last for two life times. The winning of three world titles; my travels; the many friendships I have formed; my comeback; the wining of the Edward Neil trophy; the roar of the crowd and its acclaim; packing them in at the Garden; and countless other feats and memory-filling mementos have all given me enough thrills to carry down memory lane long after I have hung 'em up for keeps. As Louis Armstrong would say, "Even after old rocking chair has got me." Yes, I guess I could well be labeled the "Thrill-a-Minute Kid."

Trained at Pompton With Joe Louis

Disregarding all such I began to get in shape and to gird myself for the greatest fight of my career. I trained at Pompton Lakes, N. Y., the same time Joe Louis was getting ready for his go with Max Schmeling. Louis and I became fast friends. Joe is a great guy and a real champion. Came the big day after a week's postponement due to bad weather. I scaled around 142 pounds and never felt better. Keyed up and on edge I was supremely confident and win, lose or draw, I knew Barney was in for a strenuous evening. Yet, despite my feelings of victory, I didn't under estimate my opponent one bit, as his reputation spoke for itself. Naturally, Ross was the betting favorite.

The rest is history. I won handily, in fact Barney was much easier to handle than I expected him to be. Dead game to the core, he took his defeat like a true champion. I was unable to stop him although I tried my level best. In the 12th I had him reeling and tottering from pillar to post but he gallantly hung on and finished the full 15 rounds on his feet. What a gamester!

One of Biggest Gates For Welterweights

I received a tremendous ovation from the crowd of 28,000 present and who, incidentally, paid over $160,000 to witness the bout. Later I found out the gate was one of the biggest ever in welter annals. Leaving the scene of my conquest, I was rushed to New York and Harlem where my friends and rooters tendered me a royal time. It was truly a triumph that night such as I don't believe I shall ever experience again. It brought back memories from 'way back and was a marked contrast from the time when I was a poor unknown, struggling for recognition.

Barney and I were always pals after that, and not so long ago he paid me a mighty fine triumph upon his return from action upon Guadalcanal Island. Ross told reporters that I was the toughest fellow he had ever met not even excepting enemy soldiers whom he had locked horns with on that bloody battle ground. I wish him all the good luck and success it is possible for one person to wish another. America should feel proud of men like him who are battling to make the world safe for democracy.

While I've got the floor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the thousands of fans and admirers of mine who have backed me to the limit. I shall always be humbly grateful to them and I want them to know just how I feel on this subject which is near and dear to my heart. To the boxing game in general and those connected with it, let me also offer a hearty salute. The sport has been generous to me and has furnished me the opportunity to scale the dazzling heights of world success, to provide for my family and in countless ways, to help my race.

Got Greatest Thrill Beating Ross

My greatest thrill?—why that's easy. It occurred, to be exact, on May 31, 1938, when I won the world's welter-weight title from Barney Ross. The bout was over the fifteen round route and was staged at Garden Bowl in Long Island, N. Y. I skipped from the featherweight division title to the welter all in one jump. Later I returned to the 135 pound class and beat Lou Ambers for that crown. As I said before, I was already the holder of the featherweight title, having kayoed Petey Sarron in six rounds at Madison Square Garden, October, 1937. The winning of this championship came as a sort of anti-climax inasmuch as I had defeated Baby Arizmendi in Los Angeles and Mike Belloise in New York for the so-called title only to have the ring moguls claim that my honors were not conclusive because neither of the bouts were of the required 15 rounds.



HENRY ARMSTRONG AND DAUGHTER

'Admiral Ross' All-Round Ability

This irked me no end but I took it in stride and when promoter Mike Jacobs offered me a title shot with the one and only Barney Ross, was I elated! I had always admired Ross' ability and his all-around class and I knew if I could upset him I would have really reached the top. Barney had proved himself to be one of the greatest ringmen in the history of boxing. He had everything. Shortly after the match was made, many Eastern sports writers began to belittle my chances. Some wrote, that it would be only a matter of rounds, others pitied poor Henry Armstrong, still others said I was over-rated and the bout was a bad match on my manager's part. According to these scribes I was like a lamb being led to the slaughter.

Hilton Smith Tells Of Thrills He Got Against Big Leaguers

Pittsburgh Courier

EDITOR'S NOTE—Hilton Smith, one of the ace pitchers of the strong Kansas City Monarchs team, was born in Gidings, Texas, and played his first baseball there as a member of the town's team in 1931. The following year he pitched for the Austin team, registering 31 wins and no defeats. His baseball sojourn was to Monroe, La., and from there to Bismark, N. Dak., where he played on a mixed team along with "Double-Duty" Radcliffe, now manager of the American Giants, and Satchel Paige. The North Dakota team won the Wichita tourney that year—1935. Smith came to the Monarchs in 1936, and his record shows that he has pitched 161 games since the beginning of 1937 and has lost 22.

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By HILTON SMITH
(As Told to Hugh S. Gardner, Staff Correspondent)

Just throwing that old apple on up in there where they can't hit it has always been a great thrill to me. I have a fast ball. Then I have one which is not so fast; then I mix that up with a good hook that I have, then either I or the batter have some fun. He does by knocking it out of the lot if I let him get set, and I do by seeing him almost break his back swinging at something which has gone by, and sometimes coming back to me. My record thus far proves that not so many fellows have been able to get set.

Chicago Defender

THE TUSKEGEE relays on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, will ring down the curtain on track activities in the Southern conference. The Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association's annual track meet in Baltimore ends the seaboard program until the fall. By then the entire athletic program will have been curtailed.

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ABSENT FROM Tuskegee relays, the fourth oldest in America, will be Sam Taylor's Prairie View college thinclads from Texas. Also absent will be Bishop and Wiley col-

leges from the Lone Star state, Alcorn from Mississippi, Lincoln of Missouri, Wilberforce and most likely Southern of Louisiana. Southern discontinues inter-collegiate competition for the duration. Prairie View's one-mile and sprint-medley relay team of Paul Ware, James Bratcher, Leon English and Lewis Smith have been drafted. Bishop is through for the season and money difficulties hit Fred Long of Wiley.

Taylor's team has been a regular competitor in the relays. The three and one-half foot high Frank A. Young trophy for the National One-Mile College relay has been won by the Texans four times. Tuskegee has two legs on it. Taylor's half-mile relay team has two legs on the Joe Louis trophy. The mile-relay team keeps the Atlanta Constitution trophy, having won it three times.

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BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION problems, college football will be curtailed in most of our colleges. Already the Tuskegee vs. Wilberforce annual game in Chicago is "out for the duration." The Wilberforce vs. West Virginia game will have to find a new field to play on. The University of Detroit stadium won't be available for use this year. If the game is played it may be moved to Charleston, W. Va., or elsewhere.

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BASEBALL FANS in the West do not approve of the raids on the Negro American league clubs although these fans believed what is happening could be avoided.

Lefty Shields of the Chicago American Giants left the club and pitched for the Homestead Grays in Washington, D. C. There is an inter-league agreement to respect players' contracts. Wyatt, shortstop of the Chicago club, went East but reported back to his club in Memphis.

Homer Curry is accused of enticing several players of the Memphis Red Sox to go East to the Philadelphia Stars. The move left Memphis with eleven players on the eve of a double-header between the Red Sox and Chicago. Before the game there was a strike. The Red Sox won two games which causes the Chicago fans to ask "what kind of a team does the Giants have this year?"

We wonder. Especially so when we learn that Jim Semler, New York Black Yankees, put in a long distant phone call from New York to Memphis, asking Double Duty Radcliffe, manager, to quit the Chicago club and bring five players of that team East with him.

The Baltimore Elites played against the Cincinnati Clowns and in the Baltimore lineup were several players from the Philadelphia Stars. And so it goes.

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CHICAGO WILL GET its first taste of Negro league baseball at the White Sox Park on Sunday, May 30, when the Kansas City Monarchs come here for a double-header against the American Giants. The first game for Negro teams at the Cubs park will be on Sunday, June 20, when the Memphis Red Sox and the Birmingham Black Barons clash in the first game of a four-team twin bargain bill. The second game will be played between the New York Cubans and the Cincinnati Clowns.

The Clowns open in Cincinnati on Sunday, May 16, in Crossley Field, against the Birmingham Black Barons.

"Hammering Hank"

BY JOHN YOUNG

Weekly Review

Birmingham, Ala

(Editor's Note: We are very grateful to Mr. Young for making this worthwhile contribution to The Weekly Review)

When Henry Armstrong dic sioned Sammy Angott the other night in New York, another m lestone was passed in one of the most glorious come-gacks in the annals of fistiana. The fight was close and the going tough but the one man army" kept moving in and won the decision by a narrow margin. This was more than an ordinary ma

The boys along cauliflower row shook their heads sadly when Armstrong was matched with Angott. "Angott all the way," they said, and backed this belief with enough mazuma to make Angott the favorite. They reasoned that the aging Armstrong was no match for the youthful and wily Angott who had stopped Willie Pep's winning streak at 62 victories and had won an overweight match from Sol Bartola. Armstrong, however, proved quite illogical and jumbled the major promise in his own version of the syllagism which was forcefully brought to a conclusion last Friday night in the squared arena. Once again the meat had gone home to the Armstrong kitchen.

This bringing home the bacon is not new to Hank. In Boxing's Hall of Fame he remains the one fighter who has held three titles at one time. Riding the crest of this fame he was beset with a condition known as sacroiliac. His titles went one by one and with them went Hank's prestige but not his popularity.

There were those who wept and expressed lamentations for "poor Hank." Yet, wherever he appeared he always was the hero, the guy you love to pull for. He is a noble gent, this Hank.

A few years ago I met him in New Orleans. It was hard to believe that this soft mannered and polished youth sitting nex to me was one of the most offensive fighters the world had ever known. The emcee asked Hank to say a few words. Have you ever tried to get silence in a night club about 3 A. M.?

This was a hard audience who continued with noise as Hank started talking. After a few words the noise became a chatter and then died away. They were struck with the contrast—Henry Armstrong, pugilist wa stalking with a voice and diction of a college professor of English. Yes, a polished chap, this Armstrong who has come a long way on the road back.

With this decision over Angott, Armstrong will probably tackle Bob Montgomery in a title match sometime this summer. Montgomery took the title from Beau Jack who had previously defeated Armstrong. Once again those "in the know" will reason that Armstrong will lose. Before you wager grandfather's clock on Montgomery, however, you had better sagely scratch your head and remember that this Hammering Henry is a wholly illogical guy who believes he can win.

In the meantime, we are forced to admit that Hank's comeback is the most refreshing impetus in boxing. With each fight the suspense grows. Watching Hank make this comeback is like watching an aged aunt climb a rickety ladder. We know that she is sure to fall and we swear that every step she takes is the last. But dang it, she just smiles and keeps moving on up. We are for Hank. How else can you feel about a guy who is sometime down but never out sometime defeated but never whipped?



SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

By Joel W. Smith

Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

TEMPORARY SHAKE-UP LOOMS IN SIAC COACHING STAFFS FOR 1943-44 SEASON

At the winter meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, held at Tuskegee Institute, representatives from the various colleges voted to continue athletics as long as sufficient manpower was available at the respective institutions. Since that time, the enlisted reserves have been called into active service, and at present, the future of athletics for the "duration" of the present emergency is somewhat uncertain. Should sufficient manpower turn up next fall at the various colleges, which is not only the sincere hope of the writer, but also thousands of sports fans throughout the country, there will be a temporary shake-up in a few of the coaching staffs.

During the past week, W. F. Jack Adkins, head coach and director of athletics at LeMoyne College and William J. Edward Adams, Nicks, head mentor at Morris Brown College were granted "duration leaves" to work with the YMCA—USO. Other SIAC coaches, who previously entered this branch of service include: Frank L. Forbes, head coach and head of the physical education department, Morehouse College; Wallace O. Hawkins, head coach, Knoxville College; Ralph Metcalfe, track coach, Xavier University; Gordon H. Kitchen, head coach and William H. Kindle, director of athletics at Talladega College. Ira Hamilton, one of the coaches doing USO work, William "Bill" Ramsey, head coach at Florida A and M College; William "Bill" Exum, assistant coach at Morehouse College; and R. T. Pearson, assistant coach at Xavier University are in the army and air corps.

Should no further changes develop between now and September the following coaching staffs will be intact: Alabama State Teachers College, Rufus Lewis. C. Johnson Dunn, and G. H. Lockhart; Alabama and M College, G. H. Hopson and Matthew Harmon; Fisk University, H. "Tubby" Johnson; Clark College, Ralph Robinson and J. A. Johnson; Benedict College, L. N. Stallworth and T. H. G. Crawford; Tuskegee Institute, Cleve L. Abbott, Ross Owens and Paul Webber and DeLoss Berry; and Lane College, Oliver C. Clemmons.

MONTGOMERY WHIPS FRITZIE IN 10 ROUNDS

Chicago, Ill. Defender

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Bob Montgomery, world champion lightweight, delighted the crowd of 21,452 of which were Sun Shipbuilding workers who had come out to see their co-workers in action, whip Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight world champion, in 10 rounds in Shibe Park here on Monday night, August 23.

The decision of the two judges and the referee was unanimous.

The victory was Montgomery's third straight since taking the world title from Beau Jack in the Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 21.

Bob worked on Zivic's midsection and this body attack slowed Zivic down. Despite the Pittsburgher's rally in he closing rounds it was impossible for him to have overcome Montgomery's lead.

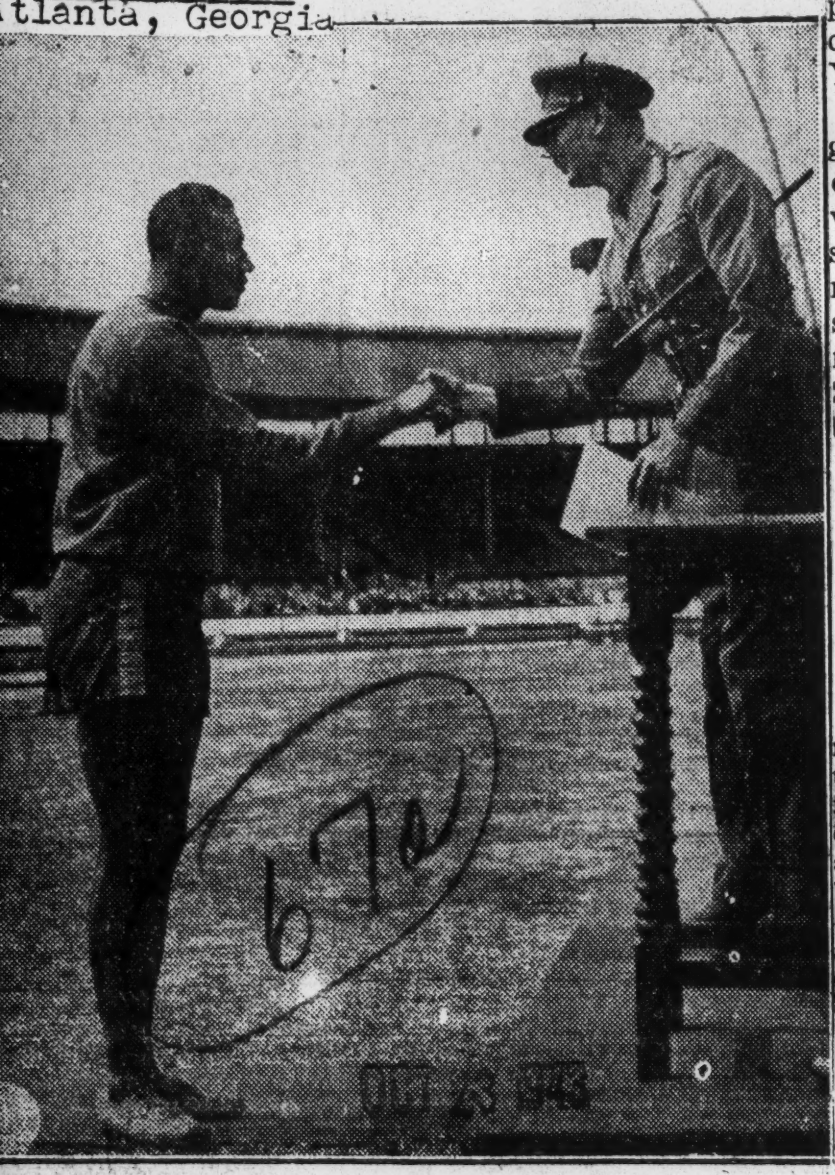
Zivic weighed 144 pounds—eight pounds advantage on Montgomery.

Zivic aroused Montgomery's ire in the ninth when he landed a right hook which shook the Philadelphian up considerably—so much so that Montgomery was whaling away after the bell had ended that round.

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Williams Receives Award

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia



Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER congratulates Corporal Aaron Williams, Muncie, Indiana, who ran second in the 120-yard hurdles at the White City Stadium, London, England, during the Allied Forces Athletic Meeting held August 2. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps).

Mixed Negro-White Aces To Meet Clark Hinkle's New England Pro Champs

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Brud Holland to Coach Inter-Racial All-Stars in First Game of Kind in New York; USO, Charities to Gain from Proceeds

By Phil Gordon

The first inter-racial football game ever to be played in New York City will come off next Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Polo Grounds when the star New London Diesals, leading pro team of the East Coast, and champion of New England, against a mixed Negro and white squad coached by Brud Holland, former All-American end from Cornell and Manny Rivero, former Columbia Lion star.

Sponsored by the Associated Football Charities and supported by Parole Commissioner Samuel J. Battles the proceeds of the game will go to the USO, YMCA, YWCA, New York Urban League and various other charities.

This game will be even more advanced than the last game organized by this group which was played in November of 1941. On that day an all Negro team played against an all white team. Some of the Negro stars included Bernie Jefferson, Joe Lillard, the late Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, Ozzie Simmons, Lou Montgomery, Archie Harris and many other great stars. The white team was headed by Northwestern's magnificant Billy DeCorrevant. The white team won that game 24-21 before a thrilled crowd of 23,000 fans at the Polo Grounds.

This game, however, promises to be even better and certainly more important because for the first time a mixed team of Negro and whites wil take the field together. The all-star team will be composed of 22 men, eleven white and eleven Negro.

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The Diesal squad, which is currently knocking over the best pro teams outside of the major leagues, is headed by Clark Hinkle, formerly of the mighty Green Bay Packers and one of the immortals of football. Other stars on the squad include Esdo Sarkinen, Ohio State's All-American; Bill Kane, formerly of the Chicago Bearss Fred Mitchell, Ed Pointowski of California, Al Olsen of Alabama, Mel Burian of Temple and Dave Eddy of Minnesota.

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HOLLAND CO-COACH

Brud Holland, magnificent Negro end who twice made All-American while with Cornell four years ago, is co-coach with Manny Rivero. Other Negro aces on the inter-racial All-Stars are Maso Ryan and Wally Mosby, Morgan College powerhouses; Sodie White of Telladega, all of whom starred in the 1941 classic; Jim Packard of Langston, Cush Turner, triple threat back from South Carolina State; Clem Green of Virginia Union and Wild Bill Simpson of Morgan.

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White aces on the inter-racial squad will be Vannie Albanese of Syracuse, Al Bernard of Fordham, Steve Bird of Providence, Dellegatte of Waynesburg, Joe Monte of La-Salle and Keller of Roanoke. Other stars will join the team in time for their first practice session on Monday.

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Great excitement has greeted the announcement of the game which will undoubtedly be one of the most important events in the long history of sports in our country.

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When unity of all peoples is so utterly vital for the safety of our country such a game between a mixed team of Negro and white football players is magnificent and thrilling. It will help solidify the bonds between Negro and white and will aid immeasurably in combatting the fifth column attacks of the native fascists who are striving to foment racial strife and discord.

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Mayor LaGuardia will be the honorary host of the game and will throw out the first ball. There are indications that the game will attract over 30,000 fans to the Polo Grounds next week who will undoubtedly witness a great contest.

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Indeed, if it is half as good as the last one in 1941, it will be terrific.

FLORIDA FLASH' SHOWS WARES

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.



S/Sgt. James W. Thompson, the "Florida Flash," is pictured at a recent boxing show with Buddy Baer, former heavyweight contender, at Merced Fair grounds, Cal. Since joining the Army, Thompson has lost only two of 16 fights. He has held the lightweight title for three camps: Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Livingston, La., and Merced Fair grounds.

"SMITTY'S"

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Sports Spurts

By WENDELL SMITH



Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

So Long To Henry Armstrong, A Credit To His Race And Fistiana . . .

Henry Armstrong the human buzz-saw, who thrilled thousands, won and held three titles simultaneously, and the third member of that great triumvirate which included John Henry Lewis and Joe Louis, is hanging up his gloves. Henry is through, he says, and ready to rest on his laurels.

Well, he certainly has some laurels to rest upon. If boxing ever has a Hall of Fame, the name of Henry Armstrong will be inscribed within in golden letters . . . for he was the little man with the big fists that smashed through the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight ranks in a manner never equaled in fistic history.

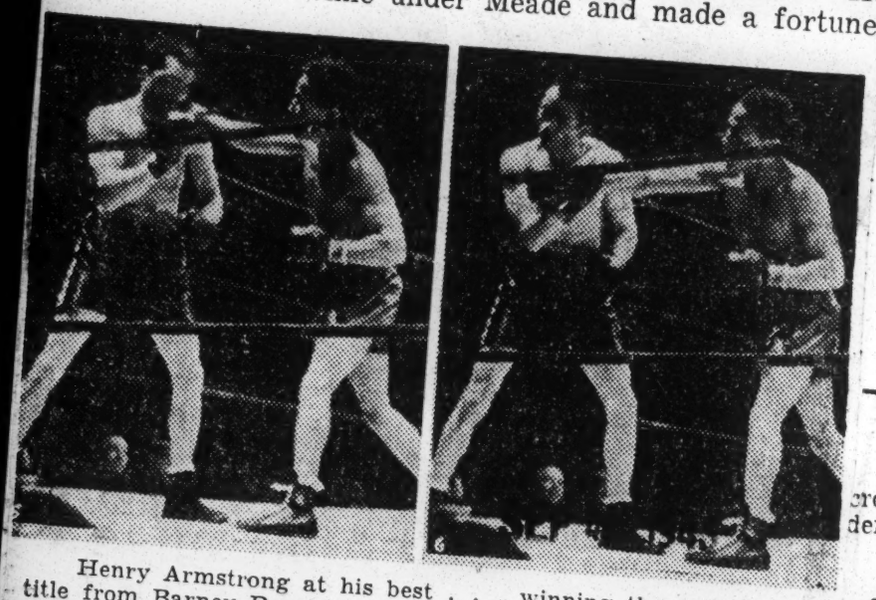
Shooting like a blazing bronze comet across the pugilistic horizon, Hurricane Henry assumed heroic proportions as a featherweight, lightweight and welterweight champion. He won the featherweight crown from Petey Sarron; copped the light weight title from Lou Ambers and dethroned the great Barney Ross to win the welterweight title. He held these three titles at the same time, and then went after the middleweight title. Henry fought Ceferino Garcia for the middleweight crown, and although he won the votes of the newspapermen at the ringside, only got a draw out of the battle.

No fighter in hitsory has ever matched that record, not even Joe Louis. Some people hold that Armstrong was the greatest fighter of all time. Few can refute that argument.

The record books substantiate the claims of his supporters. Henry was one of the few little fighters who could attract a crowd.

Was Known As "Melody Jackson" When He First Made His Bow As Professional

He packed dynamite in both fists and had color galore. He started out fighting under the name of "Melody Jackson" and was just a preliminary boy until his contract was purchased by Al Jolson, the stage star. Jolson sold his contract to Eddie Meade, who died recently. It was under Meade's directon that Hennery hit the "high road." He won all his titles while under Meade and made a fortune.



Henry Armstrong at his best . . . winning the welterweight title from Barney Ross.

After he lost the second time to Fritzie Zivic, Henry decided he was through. He remained idle for two years and then started his present comeback campaign.

His comeback has been sensational and successful under the direction of George Moore, a Negro manager who seems to know what the fight game is all about. Under his direction, Henry came back . . . not as far as the purple throne of course, but far enough to fight in Madison Square Garden again. When a fighter is good enough to return to the Garden his comeback is acknowledged as a success.

Armstrong has always been a magnet in Gotham, as well as other places where he has gone into action. That inimitable style of his . . . that bobbing and weaving and throwing punches from bell to bell has made him an idol of the fans from coast to coast. Win, lose or draw, Henry was always given a rousing ovation.

The figures prove Henry's greatness. Probably no other "little man" has been able to pack 'em in like he has. His fights in New York are the best yard-sticks by which to measure his greatness.

Here's a summary of Armstrong's New York gates:

Opponent	Receipts	Attendance
Petey Sarron	$ 34,736	11,858
Lolly Beauhuld	$ 38,282	13,880
Enrico Venturi	$ 32,444	11,952
Barney Ross	$160,000	28,270
Ceferino Garcia	$ 79,931	13,712
Chevey Day	$ 29,008	11,021
Lou Ambers	$137,927	28,116
Lou Ambers	$102,190	19,205
Isidro Montanez	$ 59,575	19,146
Lew Jenkins	$111,472	22,014
Fritzie Zivic	$ 29,212	13,063
Fritzie Zivic	$ 78,242	22,466
Beau Jack	$104,976	19,985
Sammy Angott	$ 55,502	13,303
Ray Robinson	$ 60,789	15,371

Three of Henry's fourteen New York fights have been outdoors. The top gate was the Barney Ross melee, but he's had three others over the hundred thousand mark. His biggest indoor gate was his second fight with Zivic, who kayoed the happy little warrior. That fight drew 22,466 spectators, who paid $78,242 to see him try and win his title back.

In almost every fight in which he has fought since he started on the comeback trail the receipts have been $40,000 or more. That, if you please, is a tribute worthy of only a fighter of Henry Armstrong's calibre.

"Youth Will Be Served"

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

A Great Little Champ Bows Out

By PETER SUSKIND

"Youth will be served."

That was the first thing Henry Armstrong said at the ring microphone last Friday night after Cpl. Ray Robinson had written a definite and decisive finis to the little fighter's career.

"Youth will be served."

Probably no one in Madison Square Garden was more aware of the full impact of the sentiment than Henry Armstrong. Probably no one among the restless and somewhat bored crowd could realize at the moment how victorious youth CAN be. Henry Armstrong knew.

Whether or not Henry planned to announce his retirement from the ring actually at the time he did, I do not know. But I'm more inclined to believe that, at that time, more so than at any other period in his boxing career, he was fully convinced that the bell had rung and that he'd better quit, and fast.

Henry seemed particularly anxious to say that he was through fighting. He seemed particularly anxious to convey to the mob that he wasn't fool enough to think that he could still go on. He wanted to tell them quick . . . . .

"Yes, yes, yes. You don't have to tell me. I know. I know . . . "

HENRY SMART

Henry has always been in the upper strata of the brains department. No one disputes that. He has always been rated among the more intelligent of the fighters. But some folks thought he was a little off the beam when he first announced that he was going to try a comeback. They pointed out that fighters just don't comeback; that Henry had made too glorious a record in the ring, to try and regain it, or worse, put himself in a position where his fans would eventually come around to feeling sorry for him.

But Henry never was able to see it that way. To him, it was simple. He wanted to fight, he knew how to fight, and he was sure he still had some of the championship stuff in him.

COMEBACK SUCCESS

Financially, the comeback was a tremendous success. Henry has made more money for his not landing more of the wind mill throws, that were so amazingly inaccurate.

And so, Henry Armstrong who has accomplished what no other fighter has been able to, has gone down, not in a blaze of glory, but in the embers of a once roaring flame.

LEFT GLORIOUS TRAIL

I think he's contended now. He has cured a knawing on the inside; he knows his capacities, his limitations. And best of all, neither he nor us feel sorry for him or have to offer embarrassing sympathy. There is simply a tremendous awareness that Armstrong was every inch the fighter, from the beginning to the end, from the top to the bottom. And, when he's fify, sixty, sitting at the ringside watching some of the newcomers, he'll still be a fighter, because that's the kind of heart he's got.

One thing. Henry's left a heck of a star for the others to shoot for. For a long time, there won't even be a fighter around who the fight gang can compare with him. It's going to be something of a handicap for the youngsters coming up. For inevitably they will be gauged by how near they come to doing something like Armstrong or how poorly they do something that Armstrong did well.

In time, though, there might be others. Henry did say "Youth will be served."

So Hammering Hank wasn't far off when he turned a deaf ear to the guys in the know who urged him to cry "Uncle!" and to concentrate on writing his memoirs. On the other hand, though, the guys weren't far off either. They did call the end. The only difference is that the end came much later, far later than they had expected. Even at that, they were ready to cry "I told you so."

During the last minutes of Friday's fiesta it seemed to many an on-looker that Ray might have been a great deal more accurate in dispensing his bolos than he apparently was. He was too unconcerned when he threw them too high or too low. He looked like he was being merciful. And because of this Henry fretted and frowned and at time looked pleadingly at the kid, begging him to fight and give everything he had.

Ray apologized for the show; said he had no excuses, and insisted that the Army routine and regimented living were in no way responsible

Birmingham, Washington Set For Last Tilt

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Rival Clubs To Pitch Best In Deciding Game At 8 P.M.

Two of the greatest negro baseball teams ever assembled, the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League and the Washington Homestead Grays of the Negro National League are all set to clash in the deciding game of their seven-game series for the Negro World's championship in Cramton Bowl tonight at 8 o'clock.

Inasmuch as this is Montgomery's first game of this sort, we are very fortunate in obtaining the contest, especially the deciding game which carries a lot of national interest.

The Grays-Barons played in Chicago before 20,000 fans, in Washington before 15,000 and before some 10,000 in Birmingham last Sunday. The game tonight is expected to set some kind of local record for attend-

**Both Birmingham and Washington will throw their ace pitchers into the battle. The Gray's star hurler, Big John Wright a 26-game winner during the regular season and who has won two of the three games won by the Washington club in the series, will get the call from Manager "Candy" Jim Taylor. The Barons will use their ace, Ruth of Negro baseball" is big Josh Gibson of Negro baseball" is big Josh Gibson of the Washington Homestead Grays. The "Babe Ruth of Negro baseball" is big Josh Gibson of the Washington Homestead Grays. Gibson holds all records for homers socked in negro league competition, not only for quantity but for quality. This year he has hit homers against the powerful Birmingham Black Barons. Gibson played in Griffith Stadium in Washington, and in New York's Yankee Stadium in New York. It's also claimed Josh has hit a ball at least 410 feet in the Negro League park in Pittsburgh; Griffith Field, Washington, and

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New Team Awarded Pittsburgh, Pa Franchise

Courier

PHILADELPHIA, April 15—Taking an optimistic attitude, the Negro National league, Sunday, voted to carry on this season in spite of the Office of Defense Transportation bus ban and added a seventh club, representing Harrisburg, with the league season scheduled to open May 15 in Philadelphia and May 16 in other loop cities.

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JOHNSON'S TEAM

The new club will be known as the Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars and will be managed by George Mitchell and is owned by Allen Johnson. Johnson and Mitchell last year were associated with the New York Black Yankees, but pulled out of the Gotham organization this year to take over the new Pennsylvania aggregation. Prior to last year, the two headed the St. Louis Stars.

The New York Black Yankees will continue operation, with Jim Semler as its top man. William Garrett, Harlem business man, will be associated with Semler this year.

TO SEE DAWSON

The league appointed Cum Posey, secretary, to accompany Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American league, and Tom Beard, co-owners of the Kansas City Monarchs, to Washington this week for a conference with Congressman Dawson of Chicago in an effor to have the ODT bus ban lifted.

The league agreed to hire two paid umpires for the season, the two to be selected from Fred McCrary, John Craig and E. C. (Pops) Turner. Six others—John Crawford, Burk Gholston, Moe Harris, Script Lacy, Phil Cogbell and Charles Moore—were named to serve as alternates in the various league cities.

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Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

Only 5 Negroes In NCAA Meet; None is Winner

EVANSTON, Ill., June 17.—Only five Negro athletes took part in the annual National Collegiate Athletic association championships at Dyche stadium of Northwestern university Saturday afternoon with Bob Kelley of Illinois topping them by a second place in the 440-yard dash, although all five of the dusky entrants scored for their schools.

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Handicapped by 92-degree weather and a strong 12-mile-an-hour wind, times were consequently slower than usual. Kelley, Big 10 champ in the quarter-mile, was beaten by Cliff Bourland of Southern California in 48.5 with Ware of Prairie View sixth. Kelley also ran in the 880 but failed to place. The Illinois star is also conference champ at this distance.

The other three bronze athletes represented the same school, New York university. Ed Conwell was third in the 100-yard dash, won by Hal Davis of California in 10 seconds, and fourth in the 220, won by Davis in 12.4. Ware ran in the latter but failed to place. Halliburton took third in the 220 low hurdles with Cummins of Rice winning in 23.9, and Len Bates was sixth in the discus, won by Debus of Nebraska with a heave of 144 feet 4¾ inches.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

MONTGOMERY KNOCKS OUT AL REASONER

JUL 10 1943

NEW ORLEANS — Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery, winner of the world lightweight championship from Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga. in 15 rounds at the Madison Square Garden, made his first start since annexing the title by knocking out Chicago's Al Reasoner, a former C.Y.O. and Golden Gloves lightweight who was hardly ready for a fight against the title holder.

Montgomery, an employe of the Sun Shipbuilding company, Chester, Pa., knocked the Chicagoan down in the fifth round Sunday, July 4, in the Pelican stadium ring, but was up at the count of one. Fifteen seconds later, Reasoner again was on the canvas for the count of nine.

Exhausted and wiltering under the long range barrage of Montgomery and the blistering July sun, Reasoner slipped to the floor just before the bell ended the fifth round.

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Montgomery ended hostilities in the sixth.

Sgt. Anthony Jones, former Southern Illinois Golden Gloves and Intercity New York versus Chicago Golden Gloves champion, weighing 165 and representing the Tuskegee Army Air field, knocked out Singapore Kid of Jacksonville, Fla., in the sixth round. Cpl. George Fitch, 188, stopped Ray Brown, 181, Bridgeport, Conn., in the first round.

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Charles Davis, stablemate of Montgomery, won a four-round decision over Leonard Ceasar, 135, in the opening contest. A crowd of 5,500 fans turned out to see Promoter Louis Messina's Fourth of July card.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Josh Gibson's Batting Power Stands Out

Stars Go Down 9-3 And 8-2 In Twin Bill; 6,500 On Hand

WASHINGTON—The Washington Homestead Grays twice defeated the Philadelphia Stars 9-3 and 8-2, to maintain an unbeaten record in the Negro National League pennant race, Sunday, before 6,500 fans at Griffith Stadium.

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In the first game, Edsel Walker, southpaw hurler, granted the Stars but six hits, while John Wright was touched for eight bingles in the seventh inning nightcap Both went the full distance and were the winning pitchers, Wright winning his third straight league game.

GIBSON STARS

The Grays, paced by Josh Gibson, who collected five hits in eight trips to the plate, banged out 22 hits during the day, 11 in each encounter.

Gibson scored four times and drove home a total of seven runs. He hit for a total of 12 bases, including a 440-foot two-run home run to the leftfield bleachers in the sixth inning of the second game. Buck Leonard, who had walked, scored in front of big Josh.

The double victory climaxed a victory week of five wins for the Grays in the home park. They will return to the Stadium on next Monday night, when they encounter the Baltimore Elite Giants in a nocturnal clash at 8:30 p. m.

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ALA. STATE CAGERS LOSE TO CLARK U.

Defender

Owens, 6 Feet, 6 Inches, Is 'Too Much' In Way For Hornets

By J. M. REYNOLDS

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Clark college's Panthers of Atlanta grabbed a 21 to 10 lead here on Friday night. Feb. 12, in their game with the Alabama State Teachers college and then clung on desperately in a hectic last half to defeat the Hornets, 42 to 34 in one of the most thrilling games seen here this season.

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Both teams played cautiously in the opening minutes of the game but the Clark team took the initiative after five minutes and led by Swiggings, Brown and Owens were leading 21 to 10 at the half. The terriffic guarding of the 6 foot, 6-inch Owens who took several sure Hornet shots practically off the lip of the basket was a standout in keeping the Hornet scoring down.

Hornets Change Lineup

An altered Hornet lineup started the second half and the Hornets were on their way. Paced by Thompson, they drew up to a 28-24 count about midway the half. Here the Panthers took time cut and when play was resumed they played a more cautious game, shooting only when set up shots presented themselves.

The superior height of Owens and the ball-hawking of Brown kept them in possession of the ball most of the time, causing the Hornets to foul frequently in their attempts to take over. The scores remained four points apart while the fans howled their delight until the last minute when the Panthers put on the "freeze" and the game ended with one of their aces sinking a snow birdie with seconds to play.

Bankhead Has Off Night

Hornet Ace shotsmith Bankhead had one of his off nights, but his mate Thompson stole the show with 17 points to lead the scoring for both teams. Thirteen points tossed in by Swiggins was high for Clark.

Bankhead is still leading the Hornet scorers with 117 points for 15 games, an average of close to 8 points a game. He is being pushed closely by Thompson who just found the hoop within recent weeks, that is with any degree of regularity, and now has an average of nearly 7 points a game, his total for 15 games being 102 points.

The Hornets will play a mid-week feature game with their famed rivals, the Tuskegee Tigers in Birmingham on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

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Ala. State (34)	B	F	P	Clark (42)	B	F	P
Bankhead,f	1	2	4	Brown,f	5	1	4
Jefferson,f	1	1	4	Jacox,f	1	2	2
Thompson,g	8	1	2	Owens,c	8	2	3
Huguley,c	2	1	3	Baker,g	2	2	2
Clayton,g	1	0	3	Swiggins,g	5	2	2
Shannon,g	1	1	3	Stokes,g	0	0	1
Jackson,f	0	0	0	Jones,g	0	0	0
	14	6	19		16	10	14

Chicago Defender

N.Y.U. TRACK COACH FINDS HE HAS 'ACE'

Freshman Edw. Conwell May Be 'Life Saver' For Violet Mentor

NEW YORK—(CNS) — Edward Conwell is the newest sprint sensation. He's an ace sprinter, 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches weighs 155 pounds, and looks powerful. He has a winning streak about 60 or 70 races long. Conwell is a New York university freshman, has been hiding his light in Palmyra, N. J., high school the past four years, but has almost ove night been marked one of the greatest sprinters of 1943.

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The N.Y.U. coach, Emil Von Elling, says Conwell is the best sprinter he ever had. That compliment is good enough for the beginning. The Violet star never had a world-beater in his dashes. George Weinstein, an indoor champ, and Dave Lawyer, Jared will be toward recognition as the tracks. I Fangboner and Hal Bogrow represent the Violets standard of the past.

Conwell is the first sprinter to come to Von Elling with the ready-made requirements for a top-notch performer. Elling had to develop other boys, regardless of the fact that they came with something

Herb Thompson, the runner-up.

Youth and inexperience may prove to Conwell's disadvantage in such a field to say:

"I went in for basketball, don't like running on indoor s. I prefer cinders. I have a big time debut. rs run on them and the feel tter."

Conwell tells his own story:

"I don't good to start.

After winning the metropolitan the outdoor season "olls around. He first of the NYU sprinters to for three years and we were always isted in the Millrose games, rated pretty good. I was on the day, Feb. 6, when he will meet football team four years, but we ey Ewell, the champion, and weren't much good. I scored 103 er and twice national indoor champ. Barney Ewell will do even better when Conwell came off the boards of ntdoor season "olls around. He forward on the basketball team

FRANKLIN IS DISAPPOINTING TO FOLLOWERS

Chicago—Illinois Defender

FEB 27 1943

Had Lee Savold Beaten Then Gets Himself Knocked Out

Lem Frangklin, the 1937 Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, disappointed a flock of his followers Monday night, Feb. 15, when he allowed himself to run into a wild right of Lee Savold and get knocked out with but one minute and six seconds remaining in the 10-rounder at the Chicago stadium.

Up to the time of the devastating blow, Franklin was out in front although the white heavyweight had given him a good lacing in the eighth and ninth round and in both rounds blood flowed from Franklin's nose and mouth.

Everyone had to marvel at the stamina and determination of Savold. No question about it, he was in there giving everything he had and waiting for one of those looping blows to find a mark.

Lem Poor Thinker

That Franklin is a poor thinker in the ring was evidenced by his electing to slug it out with Savold in the tenth instead of standing off and trying to out-box his opponent. Again Franklin proved sort of dumb when, in the first round, he stung Savold with a left at the opening gong and then didn't follow it up. Again in the opening stanza, Franklin dropped Savold to the canvas for the count of six—then allowed him to weather the round.

Franklin's seconds kept advising him to play for Savold's stomach although Franklin had scored repeatedly in the opening rounds with blows to Savold's head and in the second round had completely closed Savold's right eye.

Franklin suffered an injured nose in the closing rounds. His right hand was injured in the fourth round.

Four years ago Franklin knocked out Lee.

The bout between Hubert Hood, late of the CYO, and Curtis Shepard of Pittsburgh, had a nasty odor when Referee Walter Brightmore stopped it in the sixth round and called it a no contest. To this ringsiders didn't agree, because Brightmore had been seen urging the men on to a pace that heavyweights can't keep up.

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Hood Suffers Injury

X-rays the day after the fight showed Hood had suffered three broken ribs. Rumors along the Rialto that Brightmore, besides being one of the state's poorest officials, was "grandstanding" to the crowd. Also there are rumors that Hood signed up with his present manager against the advice of the present secretary of the Illinois boxing commission.

Mickey Hayes, white, Milwaukee, outpointed Frankie Greene, Chicago heavyweight, in a six-round preliminary. Clarence Brown, 201 pounds, Chicago, lost a 10-round bout to Joe Maxim, white, Cleveland, who weighed 180½. Maxim was the better boxer of the two.

The opening bout was between two white boys with Jack Hill of Bloomington, Ill., outpointing Bobby Millsapp, Milwaukee light-heavyweight.

A crowd of 8,500 paid $23,268 to see the show. There is some talk of a rematch between Franklin and Savold. Since Franklin's right hand is on the bum and he reinjures it often, his friends are wondering if Lem isn't better off working in some defense plant than trying to prove that he is a heavyweight contender.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

By PAUL DANIEL DAVIS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Before 25,000 wildly cheering spectators in the Harvard University stadium on Soldiers' Field here Saturday while the mighty Gunder (the Wonder) Hagg of Sweden was running the fastest mile in American annals, colored athletes were capturing all of the other feature events.

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The only participants in the sprint medley series, and of course the only winners, were colored; the winner of the invitation 440-yard run was a newcomer, Herbert McKenley, while second place winner in the 880-yard obstacle race for servicemen was Bertram Wallace, a military policeman.

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Participants in Races

The entries in the sprint medley series were:

Herbert Thompson, Jersey City Board of Education, N.J., National AAU indoor sprint champion, 1939-1941-1943; second, National AAU outdoor meters, 1943; winner of the Boston AA-50 yards Briggs Trophy, 1939, 1940, 1943;

Eulace Peacock, U.S. Coast Guard, Manhattan Beach, N.Y., National 100 meters, 200 meters, 1942; 1935, 10.2; Penn Relays 100 meters, 1935; National AAU pentathlon, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1943; National AAU running broad jump, 1935, 26 ft. 3 in.;

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Edward Greenidge, New York Pioneer Club., National AAU junior 200-meter champion, 1941, 21.5s; second, National AAU senior 100-meter, 200-meter, 1942; second, National AAU senior 200 meter, 1943; third, National AAU senior 100 meters, 1943;

Edward Conwell, ex-New York University, now of New York Pioneer Club. Intercollegiate indoor 60-yard champion, 1943; second, IC 4-A outdoor 100 yards, 1943; second, Boston AA indoor 50-yard dash, 1943; fourth National AAU 100 meters, 1943; fourth, National AAU 200 meters, 1943.

Zimeri Cox, formerly of the University of Wichita (Kansas), now Military Police, 743rd Military Police, Fort Devens.

Greenidge, Double Winner

The winner of the 50-yard dash was Conwell in the time of 5.5 seconds. Eulace Peacock was second and Herbert Thompson, third.

Greenidge, a double winner, easily took the 100-yard dash in the amazing time of 9.6 seconds equalizing the Harvard Stadium record. Thompson was second and Conwell, third, and came back to win the 220-yard dash in 21.5 seconds, again Thompson was second and Zimeri Cox, the military policeman from Fort Devens, whose home is in Kansas, was third.

McKenley Wins 440-Yard Run

Another newcomer to the track in the past few months, on a national scope, has been McKenley, a sophomore at Boston College. Hailing from Jamaica, BWI., McKenley is in the school of business, conducted by the Society of Jesus of the Roman Catholic Church.

He won the 440-yard run in 49.4 seconds, finishing 5 yards ahead of the field, which included several good men. Second was George Guida, Shamahan Catholic Club, Philadelphia, National AAU junior 200-meter champion, 20.7 seconds, and record holder; third was Thommas McKenna, former Concord and St. John's High School New England AAU 220-yard champion for 1943, now at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.

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During 1943, McKenley has won first places in the National junior AAU 440 meters; New England AAU junior 100 yards and 440 yards; New England AAU senior 440 yards and the New England IC 4-A 100-yard and 200-yard dashes.

The 880-yard obstacle race for servicemen was run with full marching pack, rifle and helmet and across the low hurdles. Military Policeman Wallace, stationed with the crack colored 743rd Military Police Batallion at Fort Devens, won second place.

In the one-mile race, Hagg, the holder of 10 world records in seven events, established a new American record for the mile in running it in 4:05.3 and pushing Gilbert Dodds, Boston Athletic Association, to also break the old American record by running it in 4.06.5.

Although Hagg's accomplishments turned the crowd into a wild frenzy, the earlier persistence of a colored soldier in finishing the 880-yard obstacle race resulting in complete exhaustion at the finish, won the hearts of the crowd.

The remarks could be heard throughout the stadium, that those are the type of hard fighting soldiers who licked Rommel in North Africa, now chasing Benito's deserted ranks in Italy, and will be soon annihilating Adolf in Germany.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Beau Jack Wins by Knockout

Ex-Champ Floors Maxie Starr in Sixth in D.C. Bout

WASHINGTON

Throwing both fists with reckless abandon, Beau Jack, former lightweight champion of the world, on Monday night knocked out Maxie Starr, Indian fighter from North Dakota, now stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round battle at Griffith Stadium.

Beau Jack floored Starr four times before the end came in 1:55 of the sixth. Jack, whose real name is Sidney Walker, smashed home a right to Starr's jaw which sent the Indian sprawling across the ring and into the ropes. His limp body bounced off the lower rope strands and onto the floor, where he lay as Referee Eddie LaFond raised Beau Jack's hand in victory.

The referee didn't bother to count the full ten, as it was obvious that Starr was out cold. Jack's triumph was roundly acclaimed by the 7,000 fans who paid $8,436 to see the brawl.

They were treated to a good battle, as Starr fought back as hard as possible, though it was clearly seen from the opening punch that he was no match for Jack's murderous uppercuts and driving rights.

Down in First

Jack swarmed out of his corner and floored Starr for a nine-count in the first round. Jack hit Starr with everything through the second, third and fourth sessions, but the Indian kid kept coming back for more.

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In the fifth, Starr ran into a battery of punches that put him on the canvas for a five-count. Gamely, he regained his feet, but was down again near the end of the round for nine.

In the sixth, Jack reached Starr's jaw with a looping right and it was curtains for the Edgewood Arsenal soldier.

In an eight-rounder, Deacon Johnny Brown, Baltimore, outpointed Nick Kirsh, also af Baltimore.

Washington Tims Birmingham To Capture Negro Baseball Title

Montgomery, Ala. Advertiser

Washington's high - powered with Spearman and Saylor supplying the clutch blows. Homestead Grays scored four runs on four hits, a walk and an error in the eighth round last night to defeat Birmingham's Barons, 8 to 4 in the seventh and deciding game of the negro World Series. A crowd of some 4,000 saw the game.

Big Gibson, Grays' catch-er, was the batting star of the ball game. He had two singles and a double to pace the Leonard and Harris rapped out two singles and a sac fly. Bell scored two runs in the third after the Grays had two outs. Spearman and Saylor supplied the clutch blows. In the sixth the Grays made it 4 to 3 in the seventh when Leonard doubled and scored on Gibson's fielder's choice. Then in the lucky eighth the Grays added one more run on two singles and a sacrifice. Two walks, a single and a sacrifice accounted for the two runs in the eighth round last night. Leonard scored on a fielder's choice. Then in the lucky eighth the Grays added one more run on two singles and a sacrifice accounted for the two runs in the ninth. This eighth inning rally won the lead in the world's championship for the Grays but they added two more runs in the ninth for safety.

SUMMARY

BIRMINGHAM	ab.	h.	o.	a.
McLaurin cf	3	0	1	0
Sampson 2b	3	0	2	0
Spearman rf	4	2	3	0
Lockett 3b	5	0	1	0
Steal lf	4	1	0	0
Davis ss	4	1	3	6
Easterling 2b	5	1	4	2
Wilson 3b	5	1	0	2

WASHINGTON	ab.	h.	o.	a.
Bell lf	4	1	0	0
Begaman cf	3	0	2	0
Leonard 1b	3	2	7	0
Gibson c	5	3	9	2
Easterling 2b	5	1	4	2
Wilson 3b	5	1	0	2

Totals 36 8 27 18

Errors: Gibson, Lindsay. Runs batted in: Leonard, Spearman, Radcliff, Saylor. Easterling 2. Gibson, Leonard. Wilson. Three base hits:

Totals 35 12 27 11

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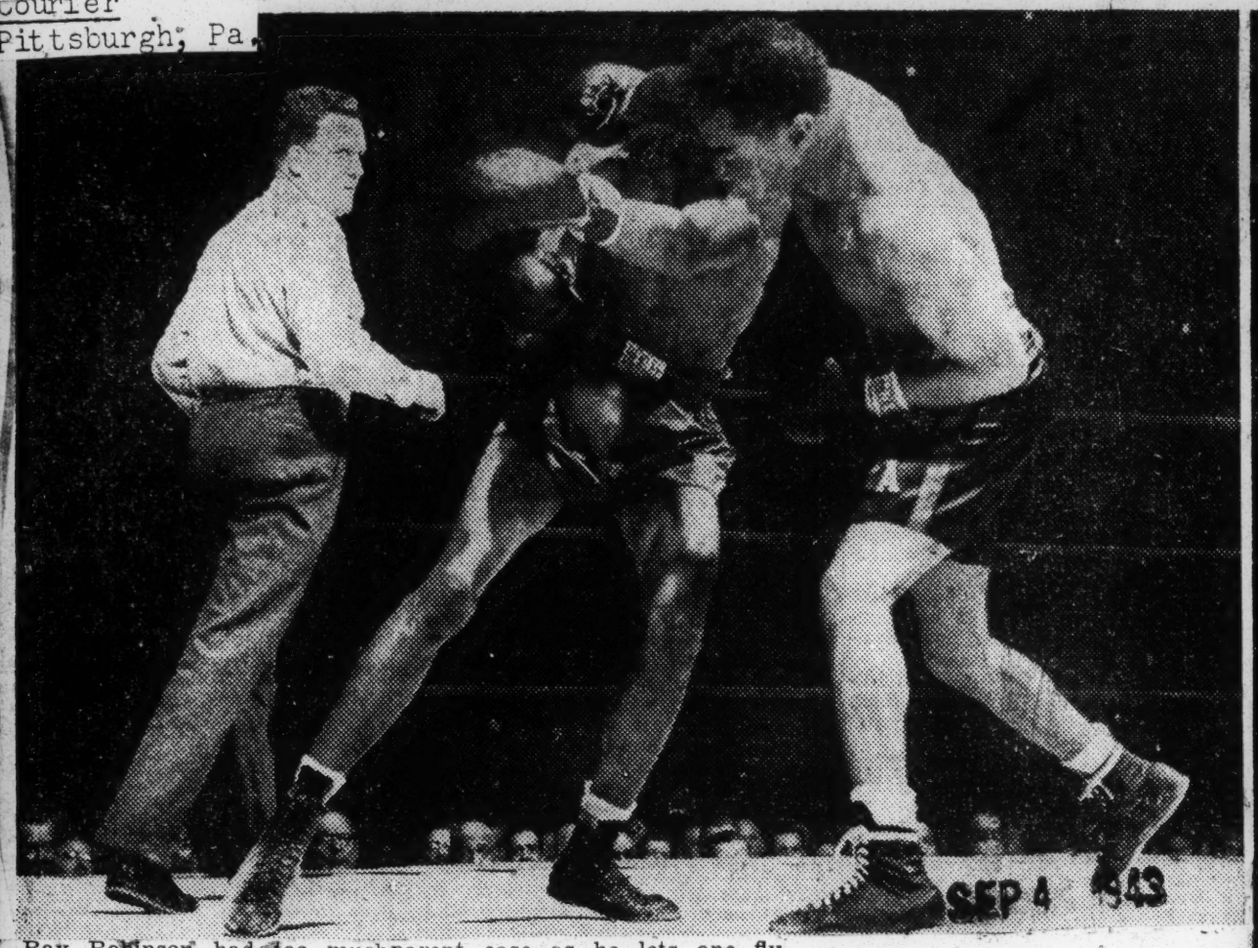
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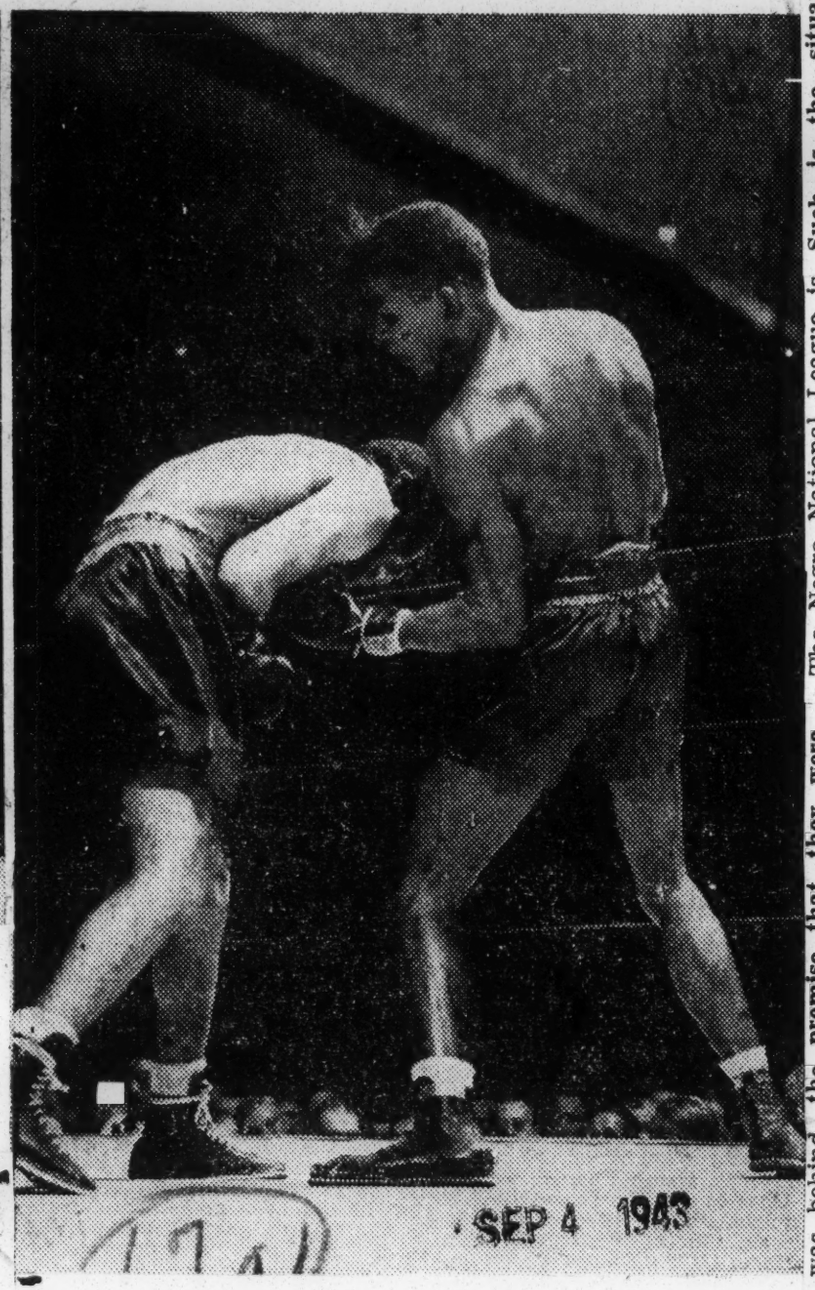
Gibson, Leonard. Stolen bases: McLaurin. Harris. Sacrifices: Begaman, Leonard. Double play: Lindsay, and Lockett; Davis, Sampson to Lindsay. Base on balls off Wright 3 (Saylor, Harris). Struck out by Wright 9. Hits off Wright 6 in 6 innings; off Sanford 4 in 2 innings (Spearman.) Winning pitcher Brown. Losing pitcher Saylor. Time of game 2:20.

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RAY "SUGAR" ROBINSON'S YOUTH AND SPEED TOO MUCH FOR HENRY ARMSTRONG

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.





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Ray Robinson had too much speed and youth for Henry Armstrong strong last Friday night in Madison Square Garden. Sugar gave Henry a terrific lacing and after the battle the "Ole Warrior" announced that he would hang up his gloves.

Left—Robinson finds the way to Armstrong's heart with apparent ease as he lets one fly into the former champion's carriage at the right. Ray lands another blistering body blow to Armstrong's mid-riff and the veteran's head snaps back when the punch hits its mark. Robinson won by a decision. The fight was ten rounds. —International News Photos.

Olympic Track Star Weather Officer At Tuskegee Base

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

OCT 2 1943

TUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FIELD, Ala.—Archie Williams, former star 440 man at the University of California and member of the 1936 Olympics track team from the United States, was recently assigned to the Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he will serve as a weather officer.

Lt. Williams received his commission upon the completion of his aviation cadet training in meterology at the University of California at Los Angeles, on September 6, 1943. While a cadet at UCLA, the erstwhile California middle distance sensation was awarded the coveted Physical Fitness Award for outstanding excellence in physical training activities.

A graduate of the University of California with a bachelor of science degree, Lt. Williams is widely known for his exploits on the cinderpath. He holds the world's record for the 400 meter dash, negotiating the distance in the remarkably fast time of 46.1 seconds on June 19, 1936 in Chicago. At the Berlin Olympic Games in the same year, the University of California speed merchant slowed down a bit as he copped the 400 meter Olympic crown in 46.5 second. Following his success at the Olympics, Williams toured Norway, Sweden and Finland with the crack exhibition team and garnered still more laurels in the track world.

Predict Majors Will Open To Negro Ball Players Soon

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

SEP 4 1943

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

WINGDALE, N. Y.—The boys in the back room are quietly laying some odds that 1944 or 1945 will find something definite done about this business of admitting colored players into the big leagues. They feel that while the majors haven't lost anything at the attendance this season, despite the war, the player shortage will create a demand for a new source of material and thus the colored athlete cannot be overlooked so blithely as in the past.

Baseball is due to play an increasingly important role in wartime recreation. Already the major leagues are preparing to send two all-star clubs to North Africa at the request of Gen. Eisenhower to entertain troops. The teams are expected to stay on the other side for at least 30 days.

Negro baseball cannot be overlooked, although it should, insofar as the efforts of colored club owners are concerned. The selfish attitude expressed by the operators of colored clubs in coming out at a crucial time (as in 1942) and stating for public information that they were not interested in nor sympathetic with the program to

Such is the situation that finds the Homestead Grays sticking to Washington and Pittsburgh; the Newark Eagles confining most of their appearances to Newark; both of which clubs have had little to do in the way of appearing in New York.

The Negro National League is said by those on the inside not to be incorporated and to have operated in such a slipshod manner since it was organized. There is no fund on record for maintenance of the league. There is no commissioner, no baseball-central office, no commissioner, with a loose agreement to match themselves to play each other when they could travel ac-cording to point majors make players; they **So disrupted and disorga-nized is the league that club** owners even refuse to come to certain cities to carry out regular and adopted schedules, around for Negro talent; for play-

how much strength was behind the demand for lowering the color bars in their own ballwick. The revelation satisfied them to a certain extent and they were open to suggestions for a change in policy.

But the Negro clubowners made themselves conspicuous by their absence from what should have been a united front and the 1942 campaign fell by the wayside. Few if any of the owners of the colored league clubs who opposed entry of their players into orgarized white baseball on

LOOSE AGREEMENT

They couldn't match the big leagues in training facilities and they couldn't begin to match the commodations the majors available for their players; can't even match the organization of the lowliest minor league club.

OWNERS ABSENT

A concerted demand on the part of colored owners along with that of the trade unions, the colored press, the fans and others for admission of colored players to the big leagues might have forced the issue last year when so many feints were made on the part of the big leagues to find out just,

s the Army hasn't grabbed off for older players if all the young es are gone. From last season's ppenings, such a step by the ajor leagues will encounter loud d profane opposition from the lored club owners as in the past. ut little attention will be paid ch squawks by players who can change a $200 a month job for e in which he'll get double that m and maybe more.

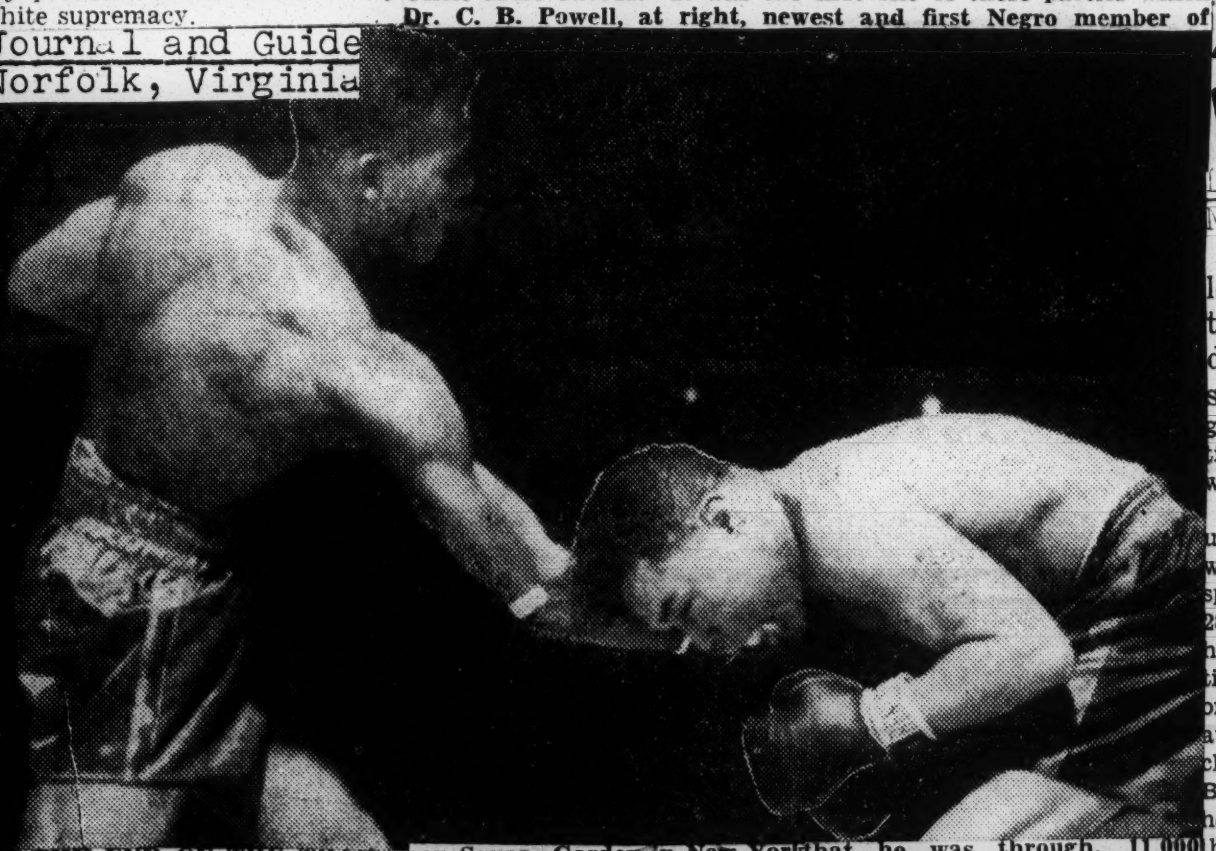
If the majors send two big ague all-star clubs to the fight- g fronts abroad, you can rest sured that an all-colored team ll surely follow. This will come cause of the raising of a color sue by our organizations to gain e same recognition from our overnment. This will also be inus the support of the colored wners who will see his players eing shipped abroad without him tting any gold from it. He will e overridden, however, because i ill be a trip every player will ant to make.

Further down the line, the big agues and all-colored nines will ash for the benefit of soldier ns who want it proven once and r all whether colored ball play rs can perform on a par agains rack white opposition on the dia mond.

And brother, if that takes plac his winter or early spring, be our boots that reverberations wil e heard on the local front with n opening of the gate to the ajor league fold to colored play rs that will creak throughout ev ry precinct of the world of lily hite supremacy.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

SEP 4 1943



THE END OF THE TRAIL—This is probably the last photograph you'll see of Henry Armstrong in action, the man who most experts call the greatest fighting machine in history came to journey's end in Madison Square Garden in New York City last Friday night as Corporal Ray Robinson won an easy decision over the gallant littleing Hammerin' Hank. The only titles at one time announced immediately after this fight here.



Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

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THIS IS HOW SIGNING ROUTINE GOES — For those who've never been present at one of those contract signing rituals staged, amid considerable pomp and fan-fare, by the New York State Boxing Commission, here is a full view of the scene. All the principals of that interesting drama are present except the man who runs the boxing business in New York, Uncle Mike Jacobs. It was the first one of these parties which Dr. C. B. Powell, at right, newest and first Negro member of the commission, has attended. The stage is being set here for the return bi tweight title go between Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery. Last time out, Montgomery relieved the Beau of the New York version of the title. The picture shows, from left to right, standing—Chick Angeles, Beau Jack's manager; the Jack himself, Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Jacobs; Montgomery, and Frankie Thomas, Montgomery's manager. Seated—the commissioners, Col. D. Walker Wear, General John J. Phelan, chairman, and Dr. Powell.

A Day at Stillman's: Watching Beau Work

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

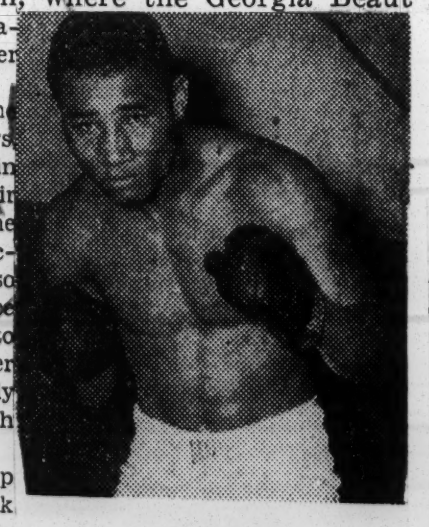
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By Bill Mardo

Belting Beau Jack is a dynamite drawing card regardless of where he laces on his gloves—be it fight night at the Garden, or just a day's workout in the gym. Yesterday we paid a visit to New York's most famous training salon, Stillman's Gymnasium, where the Georgia Beaut is going through his paces in preparation for this Monday's 10-rounder with Bobby Ruffin.

The gym was crowded with the usual [illegible] fight managers, writers, hangers-on and just plain spectators who plunked down their 28 cents to catch a glimpse of the handsome young Negro kid in action. Maestro Mike Jacobs was also on hand to give his ace box-office attraction the once-over—and to check for himself as to whether Beau's bum knee was sufficiently healed for him to go through with the match.

Much conjecture cropped up during the early part of this week when the former lightweight king didn't show up at the gym for his sparring sessions, but Beau's handlers halted all the wild talk about



BEAU JACK

"different training technique" when they made known the news about Beau Jack's banged right

about two feet Beau then stepped into the adand final frame, jacent ring and went through briefly. He worked some shadow boxing exercises. corner and started Several minutes of that, and his his famed bolo-handlers hustled him upstairs to e and again work on the bag. One of Beau's ate on the but-short overhand rights tore the small ne type of blow punching bag loose from its moorpy Larkin and ings and sent it flying up against the lightweight the wall. A little workout at the the end of the big bag that hangs from the ceilkid sampled out ing, and the kid was through for t at close range, the day. isfied expressions observers.

The kid put in his appearance yesterday at about 5 P.M. Draped in a white terry-cloth bathrobe, his hands already taped, he leaned on the apron of the main and paid close attention to the highly touted Johnny Walker who was missing it up with Jimmy Bell. Larry Amadee stepped up Beau's big mittens and soon the words bellowed through the gym . . . "Beau Jack boxing Frankie Graham."

And Beau climbed through the

middleweight lethal left from about shifty-footed young From the outset, it was apparent back. In the fourth and that Beau was favoring his right knee. Unlike his usual practice of tearing in at his man, Beau stalked him stiff-legged, throwing his punches from a distance. Withdrawing as referee with the same type of whipping over his punch. . . Time and instructions to that and whispering both fighters during the round, the opening session was rather slow. The next two rounds were similar in style, with Graham shifting from side to side, and the young and it evolved into a kid sampled out with his rapier-like left at close range, firing his sparring partner, Beau Jack stalking him, from the critical observers.

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As Garner Told Boxing Commission He "Threw" Fight



Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Post Staff Photo—Del Vecchio.

John Garner, extreme left in Army uniform, yesterday told the Boxing Commission he took a "dive" against Tee Hubert, October 18, at Turner's Arena, verifying his written confession submitted last week. Seated next to Garner are James A. Cobb and George Hayes, attorneys for John Carter (standing), accused by Garner of paying him $300 for throwing the fight. At right are Commissioners Owen and Morgan. The third commissioner, Police Inspector Talley, is not shown. In the background, standing, are Promoter Joe Turner, and other witnesses.

Boxer Admits Taking Cash; No Action Yet

By Al Costello
Post Staff Writer

John Garner, wearing the uniform of the United States Army, yesterday faced the District Boxing Commission and told its members point-blank that he "threw" a fight to Tee Hubert October 18 at Turner's Arena, stating in person the accusations he had made in a written confession submitted to the ring board at its meeting last Monday. The commission reserved decision on the case, however.

Unruffled but emphatic, the Negro former light-heavyweight and middleweight champion of the District, insisted he was paid $300 by John Carter, Negro restaurateur and manager of Hubert, at Carter's home between 2:30 and 3 a. m., Tuesday, October 19, only a few hours after he had taken the "dive" that everyone seems to doubt.

Garner further said he was supposed to have received another $100 and a share of the betting winnings, but had received only an additional $40. Carter, as he did last Monday when Garner's confession was read, denied all charges and further stated that it was impossible for him to have paid Garner at the time and place indicated by Garner, since he does not leave his place of business until 3 a. m. every morning.

Roommate Testifies

The only vestige of proof Garner could offer was the testimony of Walter Butler, a Negro with whom Garner roomed before entering the Army, Oct. 23. Garner said that after the fight he and Butler attended a party in the 1100 block of Girard st., nw, a block from Carter's residence. At 2:30 a.m., he said he left the party, walked the block to Carter's residence and collected the $300. He gave $100 to Butler. Butler verified the statement, telling the Commission he reminded Garner of his appointment and that when Garner returned he had the $300 in his possession in $100 bills. He readily admitted taking the $100 for himself and another $100 which he held for the fighter, doling it out in small amounts at various times. Carter admitted that Garner came to his house, but at a later hour than 2:30 a.m. and that he refused Garner entrance, keeping the door chain in place during the entire conversation. Carter said Garner asked for the $300 forfeit which Promoter Joe Turner had put up for him to make 165 pounds for the fight and which Turner subsequently deducted from Garner's purse and turned over to Carter as per their private agreement. Carter said he refused to return the money to Garner and the fighter departed.

Decision Reserved

The commission, placed in the peculiar position of having a fighter confessing to taking a "dive" but unable to prove it, reserved decision until later. Robert I. Miller sat as Garner's counsel while Carter was represented by James A. Cobb and George E. C. Hayes. The commission, displeased with the "private agreement" between John L. Sullivan, comanager of Garner, Carter and Promoter Joe Turner over the weight and forfeit posting, hinted at possible suspensions of the rtia early last night. Commission rules forbid any contracts or agreements between fighter, manager and promoters unless filed with the board.

Majors May Try Negro Ball Players

Weekly Review
BY DON DeLEIGHBUR

WINGDALE, N. Y.—The boys in the back room are quietly laying some odds that 1944 or 1945 will find something definite done about this business of admitting colored players into the big leagues. They feel that while the majors haven't lost anything in attendance this season despite the war, the player shortage will create a demand for a new source of material and thus the colored athlete cannot be overlooked so blithely as in the past.

Baseball is due to play an increasingly important role in wartime recreation. Already the major leagues are preparign to send two all-star clubs toNorth Africa at the request of Gen. Eisenhower to entertain troops. The teams are expected to stay on the other side for at least 30 days.

Negro baseball cannot be overlooked, although it should insofar as the efforts of colored club owners are concerned by the operators of colored clubs in coming out at a crucial time (as in 1942) and stating for public information that they were not interested in nor sympathetic with the program to put some of their players in major league uniforms shows the shortsightedness with which the colored variety of the sport has to contend. Birmingham, Ala.

OWNERS ABSENT

A concerted demand on the part of colored owners along with that of the trade unions, the colored press, the fans and others for admission of colored players to the big leagues might have forced the issue last year when so many feints were made on the part of the big leagues to find out just how much strength was behind the demand for lowering the color bars in their own baliwick. The revelation satisfied them to a certain extent and they were open to suggestions for a change in policy.

But the Negro clubowners made themselves conspicuous by their absence from what should have been a united front and the 1942 campaign fell by the wayside. Few if any of the owners of the colored league clubs who opposed entry of their players into organized white baseball on the premise that they were giving away players they had spent their money on to develop, had anything to point to that would substantiate for such a real advancement for their players.

They couldn't match the salaries the big leagues would pay; they couldn't begin to match the training facilities and travel accomodations the majors make available for their players; they can't even match the organization of the lowest minor league club.

LOOSE AGREEMENT

The Negro National League is said by those on the inside not to be incorporated and to have operated in such a slipshod manner since it was organized. There is no fund on record for maintenance of the league. There is no central office, no commissioner, only six clubs with a loose agreement to play each other when they get a chance.

So disrupted and disorganized is the league that club owners even refuse to come to certain cities to carry out regular and adopted schedules. Such is the situation that finds the Homestead Grays sticking to Washington and Pittsburgh; the Newark Eagles confining most of their appearances to Newark; both of which clubs have had little to do in the way of appearing in New York.

Despite this situation in Negro baseball, it is felt that the majors will make up their minds this winter on the colored question once and for all and that in the exchange such squawks by players who can minus the support of the colored ones are heard. This will also be little attention will be paid government. This will surely follow. This will come or leagues will encounter loud profane opposition from the red club owners as in the past s are gone. From last season's ing fronts, abroad you can rest openings, such a step by the assured that an all-colored team happening in baseball. major leagues would pay and profane opposition from the issue by our organizations to gain colored players if all the young league allstar clubs to the fight- or older players if all the ing for Negro talent; for play- the Army hasn't grabbed off

getting any gold from it. He will be overridden, however, because it will be a trip every player will want to make.

Further down the line the big leagues and all-colored nines will clash for the benef t of soldier fans who want it proven once and for all whether colored ball players can perform on a par against crack white opposition on the diamond.

And brother, if that takes place this winter or early spring, bet your boots that reverberations will be heard on the local front with an opening of the gate to the major league fold to colored players that w ll creak throughout every precinct of the world of lily-white supremacy.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Morris Brown Hasn't Won Or Lost Football Game In Three Starts

Squad That Tilts Hornets Here On Armistice Day Has Unusual Tie Record

There is a story for Ripley in the number of tie games which have been played by the Morris Brown College Wolverines, of Atlanta, who meet the Alabama State Teachers College Hornets, of Montgomery, here at Legion Field on Armistice Day afternoon in a twilight hour game which will start at 4:30.

In their three games this season, the Morris Brown Wolverines have not been able to score a victory but they also have not been defeated. In their opening game, they played the Tuskegee Institute Tigers to a 0-0 stalemate. In their second game, they did score but Morehouse did also to make the final score Morris Brown 6, Morehouse 6. Their third game was played down at Tallahassee where they again had to be satisfied with a 0-0 count in a gridiron tilt with the Florida A. & M. College Rattlers who had opened their season the preceding week at Cramton Bowl (Montgomery) with a 6-6 tie score with the Alabama State Hornets whom the Wolverines face here on Armistice Day.

More unusual is the outcome of five consecutive games which the Morris Brown College Wolverines played against the Alabama State Teachers College Hornets over at Columbus, Ga. in Memorial Stadium. There were five consecutive tie scores in the five consecutive games of 1932-36. The scores were 7-7 in 1932, 0-0 in 1933, 7-7 in 1934, 0-0 in 1935 and 0-0 in 1936. There is still another tie game in this Morris Brown-Alabama State series which was rung up at Montgomery in 1939, that score also being 0-0.

The Wolverines had more luck with the Hornets during the past three seasons in which they rang up decisive victories, two of them in 1940 and 1941 contributing to their Southern championship records which made them eligible for participation in the bowl games in Birmingham in 1940 and 1941. The Hornets will be out to get some revenge this time at Legion Field before their many alumni supporters as well as to show to advantage their spirited and determined young team which has been off to a good start and will have this game at Legion Field on Armistice Day as their final encounter before their now-historic game with the Tuskegee Institute Tigers down at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery on Thanksgiving Day.



Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

LOVELY LENA IS GUEST AT FORT HUACHUCA BASEBALL GAME—Members of Fort Huachuca's SCU 1922 baseball team had a very glamorous visitor during a recent game played with the 92nd Division. Actress-singer Lena Horne arrived at home plate in a jeep and remained to watch the game, autograph baseballs and things and have her photo taken with the happy group of soldier-baseball players. The men are all members of the famous SCU Team at Fort Huachuca. Pictured from left to right in the front row are: Sgt. Wilbur Barnes, Pvt. Arthur Teny, Sgt. Henry Moore, Miss Lena Horne, Pfc. Edwin Hinton, Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Robert L. Williams, Pfc. Kimble Williams, and Pfc. Amos Fiske. In the back row from left to right are: Sgt. Albert Young, Sgt. Robert Wright, Pfc. Phillip Harper, Cpl. Nelson Nix, Cpl. Nance Beasley, Pfc. Herbert Culpepper, Lt. Phineas B. Bryant, and Pfc. Walter McCoy.—U.S. Signal Corps Photo.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

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Announces He Is Through With Boxing

Calls Off Fight With White; Ray Took All 10 Rounds

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Another chapter of the youth versus experience book was written last Friday night in Madison Square Garden when one of the greatest fighters the ring has ever known went down to defeat at the hands of a younger and faster man. Corporal Ray Robinson beat the old ring general mercifully but decisively as the crowd of 15,371 booed throughout the evening in blood thirsty fashion for the young soldier to finish Hammering Hank and drop him to the canvas.

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But the knockout blow was not forthcoming as Ray gave every indication that that was not his intention for the evening. He missed miserably, throwing wild bolos all over the Garden. Henry offered litle defense at all and when an opening came his way he didn't have the stuff to make something of the opportunity. At the end, Henry announced his retirement from the ring.

The only times that there were signs of the old Armstrong who held the world championships at one time, were the rare occasions when he outwitted the younger fighter and got away from his long reach.

Henry was floundering badly and was an open target for the speedy Ray's left and right uppercuts. Under Ray's constant

to knock him out because I couldn't do it. Now that I failed I can't say that I'm sorry. I wouldn't have liked to see him stretched out on the floor, much as I tried to put him there. He's a great little man and I wish him all the luck in the world in his business venture from now on."

Henry said after the fight. "HeRay actually never seemed to exhit me one punch that shook me end himself, or to definitely try to the toes. It was a left hook to for a knockout. As one wiseacre my jaw. I thought my head had been torn off. The uppercuts put it. "Ray made his first public didn't hurt me because I was smothering them all the time. I'm finished. That's final. I

In the dressing room, Ray said, "Henry, old as he is, can fool the best of them. I tried my best to knock him out but he never was a real target. He muffed my best uppercuts and was always rolling with my hardest punches. I failed

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FROM THE BENCH

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Dixon, Conwell Face Stern Tests in Millrose Meet

FEB 6 1943 By ART CARTER

THE ACID TESTS for New York University's sensational freshman duo, Frank Dixon and Eddie Conwell, comes Saturday night in the Millrose Games. Annually this meet, the first big indoor competition of the season, brings the best out of some hitherto unsung and unheralded hero. The late Johnny Borican first skyrocketed into national prominence in this meet. Countless others, Ben Johnson, Herbert Thompson, Jimmy Herbert, etc., got their first taste of national track glory in their specialties at the Millrose. Dixon and Conwell, already hailed as potential world record beaters though only college freshmen, are in tough spots. Dixon, running the mile, is entered in one of the classiest fields ever to toe the mark for the celebrated Wanamaker Mile. Conwell will face an equally formidable field of sprinters including last year's champion, Norwood (Barney) Ewell. Success for both, or either, will mean much.

Colored sprinters have dominated the dashes indoors for the last ten years. Ralph Metcalfe, Johnson, Mozel Ellerbe, Thompson and Ewell have mopped up the national boards' titles, year after year, besides picking up a high percentage of the place positions since 1933. Is Conwell destined to follow in their hallowed spikesteps



Art Carter

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Conwell's coach, the venerable Emil Von Elling, whose success with colored athletes is legendary, thinks the 18-year-old speed merchant has the goods. After Eddie took the 60-yard dash in 6.2 seconds, one-tenth second off the world mark, at West Point on Saturday, Von Elling declared:

"If Conwell gets a good start Saturday night, you'll see a world's record. I don't say he'll break it, but he can do 6.1 seconds for 60 yards and equal the record."

Von Elling's words mean a lot. On the record, Conwell has been improving steadily. In the Metropolitan AAU, Conwell took the event in 6.3 seconds, thus last week's effort was an improvement of a tenth-second over his earlier clocking.

On the other side of the picture, Conwell is inexperienced and may suffer from Garden "buck fever" at the Millrose. At 18, he is younger than any of his predecessors in the sprint throne room. FEB 6 1943

Another thing, highly important, is that the huge field of 32 starters makes it necessary that only winners in the heats qualify. This means he must go all out in the heat, as an attempt to ease up may mean a shutout.

Included in the field are Ewell, Thompson, and Bill Carter, the ex-Pitt ace, who were one-two-three in the Millrose "60" last year. All of them are big, fast, seasoned performers and definitely out to win.

Besides, Harold Stickel, white, fourth last year; Cpl. Ralph Hammond, former Ohio State and Big Ten and 220 titleholder last year, now at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Myron Piker, ex-Big Ten champion, are entered.

Indeed, Conwell faces a stern task. If he wins, he'll be tabbed the greatest sprinter of the year.

Conwell tips only 155 pounds, stands 5 feet 7 inches and prepped at Palmyra, N.J., High, where he was a sensation. FEB 6 1943

Dixon encounters even greater opposition. As a high-schooler, Frank broke all mile records and stepped the distance in the Garden at 4:14. As a college freshman, he clipped all cross-country races and has lost only one race, the Metropolitan AAU mile, to Jim Rafferty on the outdoor boards at Columbia University. He will compete against six rivals, all of whom have done 4:14 or better. FEB 6 1943

Chief among the fellows who aim to make Dixon step to win are Earl Mitchell, Don Burnham, Ensign Walter Mehl, LeRoy Schwarzkopf, Gilbert Dodds and Rafferty.

Dixon is slated for an early draft call and he wants to establish himself as the greatest colored miler ever to run, before he is forced to quit the cinderpath game for the more important war battle. FEB 6 1943

If he can triumph against this field, his power will be established.

Like Conwell, young Frank suffers from inexperience, as exhibited in the Metro AAU mile, when he tried to pass Rafferty on the turn. But he has the potential running power and may rise to the heights at any time.

I hope he does on Saturday, for Dixon deserves a big one.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Black Barons Halve Double-Header With Giants, 5-1 And 3-7

The Black Barons halved a twinbill with the Chicago American Giants at Rickwood Sunday, 5 to 1 and 7 to 3. JUL 5 1943

Victory in the first game brought to Birmingham the flag for the first half in the Negro American League season. That means the playoff series for the championship will come to Rickwood Field at the end of the season.

"Lefty" McKinnis sprinkled seven Giants hits and was in sight of a shutout when an error in the eighth inning paved the way for Chicago to score their lone run.

Heat forced Buster Markham, ace of the flinging corps, from the game in the third with Gibson relieving him. Chicago pounded for six runs and eight hits.

Shortstop "Piper" Davis, of Birmingham, collected five hits in seven trips to the plate in the two games while Alex Radcliffe, Chicago third sacker, made six in seven trips to share batting honors.

Birmingham will play the New York Cuban Stars of the Negro National League at Rickwood, July 25.

But Garden Fight Encore May Go to Nation's Capital

Sammy, in Losing, Makes Better Showing Than in Winning Starts

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y. LESTER BROMBERG.

Where does Henry Armstrong's comeback go from here? So long as the one-time triple champion is seen in torrid battles, such as his 10-round victory over a stubbornly resisting Sammy Angott last night at the Garden, it doesn't matter particularly. JUN 12 1943

Old Hank still dispenses real fistic entertainment, and with the war choking off nearly all new talent, he's keeping the game alive single-handedly.

From coast to coast his return to action has revitalized the fight game. The Angott fight—23rd of his comeback—saw him pass the half-million mark in money drawn. Before he says goodby for keeps he may gross a full million. Money-matches are all over the map for him.

Last night his touch of the old tempo, bringing out dogged opposition from Angott, created another match, a return over 12 or possibly 15 rounds. Division of opinion as to the winner makes it a natural. Promoters in Washington and Chicago are interested, as well as Mike Jacobs, and it may go out of town, possibly to the national capital.

Armstrong emerged from the

Armstrong's Return East.

Bigger money is awaiting Henry when he comes East again some time in August. The prize plum is a meeting with Bob Montgomery, now officially champion of the lightweights in Pennsylvania, as well as New York and New Jersey, at a Philadelphia ball park. Then there are possible dates here with Angott and Johnny Greco, who first is fighting Montgomery in a daylight bout at Yankee Stadium June 26.

Armstrong will do no serious bidding for Montgomery's title. His weight of 140¾ pounds yesterday makes that clear. JUL 5 1943

Warmish weather and an aura of suspicion, when proved unjustified, kept last night's crowd down to 13,364, paying $55,502.66. But those who did attend were well satisfied.

Angott, never a hit at the Garden winning, earned compliments losing. He stood up to Henry and, although wrestling some and running a bit (when strategy advised), slugged it out in vicious head-to-head trading most of the way.

It was the best of Armstrong's comeback performances in the East. He hit his stride in the second. In the Beau Jack fight he didn't get going until the eighth.

Finished Like a Couple Of Evenly Matched Horses.

Henry and Sammy came down the stretch like a couple of evenly matched thoroughbreds, and, when the latter won the 10th, many thought he had earned a draw. The writer was one of those. The unanimity of the decision caused quite a bit of comment, in view of press disagreement. Judges Healey and Gearns voted 5—4—1 and 6—3—1 for Henry, while Referee Joseph had it 6—4.

Charley Jones, Angott's manager, was irate. "I certainly don't think he lost," he glowered.

Angott said he hurt his left in the sixth. "I was a little short of work, one fight before would have put me in better shape," he declared.

Armstrong's most effective punches were his drives to the body, but he left a mouse under Angott's right eye and a cut on his left eyelid, which was still bleeding in the dressing room.

Sammy annoyed Hank no end with his uppercuts. He used that blow in a fashion reminiscent of Fritzie Zivic. JUN 2 1943

Angott skidded to the floor in the seventh and ninth rounds for no count, both times in Armstrong's corner. Both tumbles were due to damp canvas, caused by overgenerous use of water by Henry's seconds.

Many persons thought the ninth-round slip was a legitimate knockdown, but Referee Joseph gave the cue clearly and quickly. Instead of picking up the count, he picked up Angott, wiped off his gloves and sent him back into the fray. Like other smart moves by a good referee, this was quick thinking.

Hertz Pays Tribute To Sidat-Singh

NEW YORK, July 8—In a wire to me by telegram so that I may attend and pay my respects to the late great athlete and a fine gentleman, if following is sent to the mother of the all-star colored football team which played against Hertz's Yankees with the all-star colored team two seasons ago.

"Wilmeth was well known to me, Mr. Hertz flew to Washington and captained the football team while a student at Lincoln University. In losing Wilmeth we know that your people. In losing Sidat-Singh, the American people of all races and creeds have lost a gentleman and sportsman of whom the nation has only too few.

"(Signed) Douglas G. Hertz, New York Yankees Football club, Closter, N. J."

I sympathize with you indeed in your great loss and pride to the memory of a few short years, eliminate any racial friction which exists between our people. In losing Sidat-Singh, the American people of all races and creeds have lost a gentleman and sportsman of whom the nation has only too few.

(Signed) Douglas G. Hertz, New York Yankees Football club, Closter, N. J."

The wire reads, in full:

"I have just heard that the body of your son has been recovered. If the funeral is to be held in Newat the Polo Grounds in York City, will you please advise York City Wilmeth was one of the first to listen to his country in its hour of need.

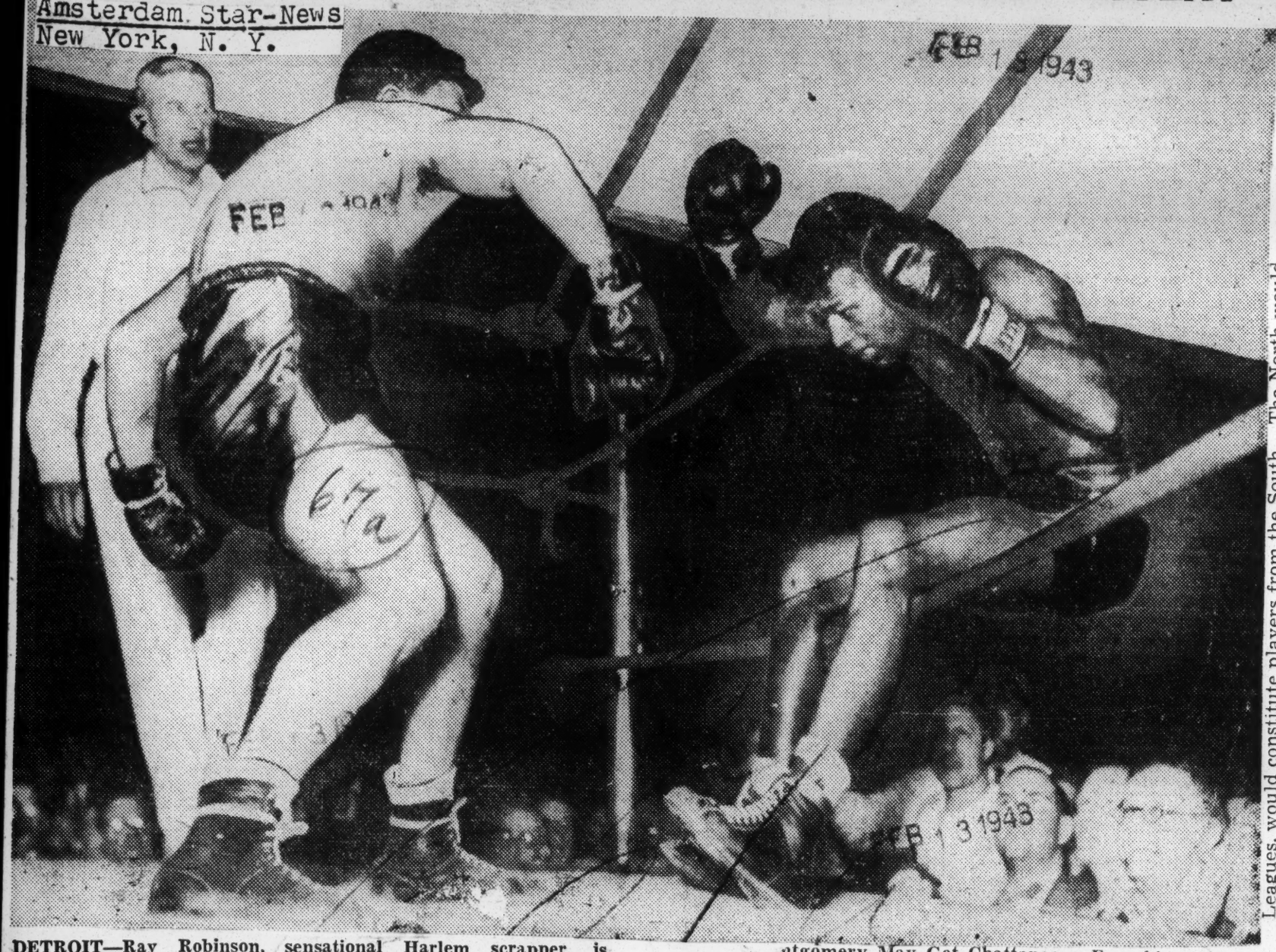
"Wilmeth was quick to me at that time the example of his all-star colored football team which was one of the outstanding athlete, a credit to his people, and a great athlete and a gentleman and sportsman of Yankees with the all-star colored team two seasons ago.

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HOW RAY (SUGAR) ROBINSON SUFFERED FIRST DEFEAT

Amsterdam. Star-News
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DETROIT—Ray Robinson, sensational Harlem scrapper, is shown as he was given his first taste of defeat at Detroit last Friday night. His conqueror, Jake Lamotta had just belted Robinson through the ropes for a knockdown when the picture was snapped. But the bout went the full ten rounds to a decision for Lamotta. Robinson was a three-to-one favorite over the Bronx middleweight.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Chattanooga Club May Be Moved Here

There's still much talk around the Southern League that the Chattanooga franchise may be moved to Montgomery for the start of the second half.

But as we have said it's only talk because no definite plans or negotiations have been made.

Still we are certain that Montgomery officials and fans would like to have the club, if certain arrangements can be worked out and we are sure they can be. Southern League baseball will draw here, especially at the present time when things are booming in the Capital City. In fact Montgomery needs pro baseball.

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Marse Joe Engel, the fun-roving president of the Lookout club, has had little to say about the transfer of the club, but we understand he is considering such a move unless things improve in Chattanooga immediately.

Zipp Newman, veteran Southern League writer from Birmingham, had this to say about the possible transfer in his column Friday afternoon:

ntgomery May Get Chattanooga Franchise

Montgomery may be back in the Southern League in time to see the second half start. Ben Goitsman, Rebel owner, said Montgomery was ready to take over any Southern League franchise at the schedule meeting in Birmingham. He had in mind getting the Little Rock, Knoxville or Chattanooga franchise.

Montgomery fans had their hopes lifted for getting a Southern League franchise when Joe Engel booked a series of games for the Lookouts in Cramton Bowl. It was thought then that Joe had something in the back of his mind if the fans didn't start supporting the Lookouts in Chattanooga. He did and how.

It is understood that Clark Griffith has given permission for Engel to move the Chattanooga franchise to Montgomery. However, Griffith doesn't believe it would be wise to play two or three series in Montgomery and then try to return to Chattanooga to play out the remainder of the Lookout's home games. The Lookout fans will be given a little more time to say whether they want to keep the Lookouts or let them go. If the answer is no the chances are Montgomery will have the Chattanooga franchise for the second half, beginning July 9.

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The split season makes the franchise transfer ideal. Montgomery could take over the Lookout club, a good one, and have a real team to back in the second half. It would be known as the Montgomery club and the Lookouts would probably be known as the Rebels for the last half.

The transfer of the Chattanooga franchise to Montgomery may be denied but the deal is on. If the Chattanooga fans want to keep Southern League baseball they had better show they want it by doing better than 1,500 for a Sunday double-header.

Montgomery proved itself a good baseball town the last several years in the Southeastern League. The Rebels drew more paid admissions last year than several of the Southern League cities.

If Montgomery takes over the Chattanooga franchise what happens after the duration? Is Chattanooga out of the league for good and Montgomery in? Does Montgomery have to go back in the Southeastern League? These questions can't be answered until after the postwar realignment of territory.

Montgomery was last in the Southern League in 1914. Bob Allen buying the franchise and moving it to Little Rock in 1915. Bobby Gilks was the last manager of the Billikens.

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A Proposed North-South Negro Pro Series

Montgomery has been very fortunate in obtaining some of the best negro baseball in America this season and these unusually fast games have attracted an average of more than 2,000 a game.

The Birmingham Black Barons, looked upon by the local fans as their home team or favorite club, has been beating the "Yankee" clubs with regularity. In fact the Barons are on top in the Negro American League which includes such teams as the Kansas City Monarchs, Chicago American Giants and Cincinnati Clowns.

Birmingham was to have met Atlanta here Monday but due to lack of transportation from the East, they will be unable to play. However, the Barons will meet the Chicago Americans here in a double header on the night of July 5 (Monday) which will be celebrated as July 4.

An idea that may bear fruit in connection with these North and South clubs would be to hold an all-star Negro pro game between the Southern and Northern teams, very similar to the Blue and Gray football game. The game could be played in Montgomery's new enlarged Cramton Bowl, home of the original Blue and Gray football game.

Negro players from Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville and Louisville which are teams in the American and National

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Barons Drop Negro Series



Homestead Grays Win Final, 8 To 4

Birmingham, Alabama
By United Press.

MONTGOMERY, Oct. 6.—The Washington Homestead Grays last night defeated the Birmingham Black Barons 8-4 in the seventh and deciding game of a series billed as for the world's Negro baseball championship.

Stellar fielding kept the Birmingham nine a[illegible] most of the game, but an eighth inning rally with two men out produced four runs on four hits, a walk and an error.

Five thousand fans saw the game

Montgomery, Ala.
Advertiser

A game or rather maybe a series of three or five games between two all-star squads of the above would receive much attention in the Cradle of the Confederacy.

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THESE MIGHTY SLUGGERS will appear here Monday, July 5, with the Chicago American Giants, in their double-header with the Birmingham Black Barons. Left to right, players, left to right, four runs on four hits, a walk and an error. Pennington, left field; Radcliffe, third base; Bissant, second base; and Buster, left field.

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, PA.

Texas Coach's Stock Soars As His Teams Keep Winning In Southwest Conference

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MARSHALL, Texas, Feb. 4—If there has ever been any doubt about the coaching ability of Alexander Durley, youthful mentor of Texas College, it should be eliminated now.

Durley, the affable athletic director at the Lone Star school, won the Southwestern Athletic Conference football championship last season by sweeping through the loop undefeated and winning second place in the national rankings. Then two weeks ago he came right back and won the Conference's invitational basketball tournament by beating a strong Bishop college team in the finals, 50 to 41.

When Durley took over at Texas recently some of the fans were skeptical. They doubted that he had enough experience to keep the Steers in the upper bracket of college sportsdom.

However, he fooled them. He took a well balanced football team, paced by Halfbacks Pollard and Allen and won the championship with room to spare. The only game the Steers lost was to Florida's national championship team at Jacksonville, Fla. New Year's Day the Steers traveled to Birmingham, Ala., and defeated Tuskegee in the annual Vulcan Bowl game to wind up a great season.

Hardly had the football fanfare died down when Durley came up with his powerful basketball team, one of the best Texas has ever had. The Steers went ont to win the championship and Durley had definitely established himself as an outstanding coach.

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Chicago, Illinois

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WATSON TOTALS 3,731 TO LEAD DECATHLON FIELD

Elizabeth, N. J., June 26 (AP).—With a margin of more than 500 points, Bill Watson of the Detroit Police Department Athletic association led the field today at the end of the first day of competition in the National A. A. U. decathlon competition at Warinanco park.

Watson, former Negro track star at the University of Michigan, ran up a total of 3,731 points and is expected to hold his lead tomorrow in the field events, his specialty. He won the title in 1940 with 7,523 points.

Runner-up in the event last year in Chicago, Watson won the 100 meter run, the running broad jump, the 16 pound shot, and placed second in the high jump and third in the 400 meter run.

Trailing Watson with 3,218 points was Don Wanner of the University of Virginia. He led in the 400 meter run with a time of 54.8 seconds.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Will Give Negro Players Trial On Club," Says Mgaul

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By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4—"Negro baseball players along with other nationalities whether they be Chinese, Filipino, Irish, Mexican, Jewish or Italian, will be given full opportunity to try out and earn berths on the Los Angeles Coast League team this spring," thus did Clarence Rowland, progressive Angel prexy, reaffirm his previously printed stand on this vital matter to the writer Monday in his office here at Wrigley Field.

"We want ball players who can deliver," continued Rowland, who expressed confidence that the Coast loop would flourish during the coming season despite war time limitations.

Rowland said that several Negro ball players who had contacted him were interested in finding out about salaries and contracts. "This matter will naturally adjust itself," he reasoned "that if a man is capable of playing in this league, he will be signed and paid accordingly. If not, we may have to ship him to one of our farms such as Vancouver or Tacoma in the International League, the Three I, or the Arizona State Leagues. Naturally, he will have to take his chances like the rest. But make no mistake about it, Manager Bill Sweeney will give everyone a fair trial. We hope to make this new move without undue fanfare or publicity," he added.

Rowland expressed keen interes in the recent optimistic statemen of Negroes' chances in majo League baseball, which were mad by his boss, William Wrigley Jr. to a group of race leaders in Chi cago. "One thing certain," Row land mused, "Mr. Wrigley is sin cere and if he made such state ments, he meant them, as with him, it's usually yes or no with no beating around the bush." This spring the Angels will train at nearby Anaheim, which has been for the past few years, the training scene of Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. The first call will be sounded in March.

Speculation is rife as to who among the several Negro pastimers wintering in the Southland will be on hand for the history making tryouts. Numbered among the players of which nearly all are working at local defense plants are Nate Moreland, pitcher, Baltimore Elites and Mexican National League; Wild Bill Wright, Baltimore Elites and Porto Rican League outfielder; Howard Easterling, Homestead Grays, infield; Tommy Thompson, lanky Mexican League and Philly Stars twirler; Olen Dial, Mexican National League and Detroit Stars outfielder; the veteran Bizz Mackey, catcher; Kenny Washington, ex-collegian slugger, and Chet Brewer, wily twirling ace.

Nose Fracture Halts Bivins

CLEVELAND. — Although Jimmy Bivins retained his "duration" light heavyweight championship by knocking out Lloyd Marshall in the thirteenth round at Cleveland Stadium last Tuesday night, he will be out of action for an estimated two months because of a fractured nose.

The injury was discovered when Bivins went to a hospital Thursday for examination for his left eye which he said had prevented him from sleeping. The eye was nearly closed in the fight.

Physicians learned it was not Bivins's eye but his nose that caused his loss of sleep. The star fighter, who was knocked down by Marshall for a one-count in the seventh round and then got up to give the challenger a sound thrashing, said he did not recall when the nose was injured.

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Pittsburgh, PA.

Sports Roundup

"MELANCHOLY" JONES

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Orchestra Leader Jimmie Lunceford Scored 3 Touchdowns In Historic Fisk-Morehouse Football Thriller of 1923

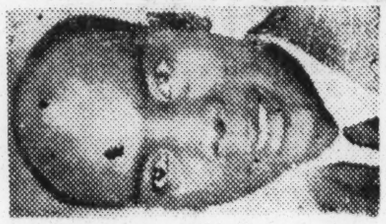
JAMES MELVIN LUNCEFORD, eminent Doctor of Jazznocracy known to the jazz world as "Jimmie" but to his more intimate associates as "Piggie," has just closed a week's engagement at the downtown Stanley Theatre in the Smoky City of Pittsburgh.

The genial maestro, still looking physically fit after more than a decade in big-time jazz, was partaking of breakfast at the Centre Avenue "Y" the morning after his opening performance at the Stanley when an old acquaintance was renewed with the column.

The subject drifted to football. Lunceford was an All-America caliber end during his playing days at Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., and, it is a matter of record, that Jimmie turned in one of the most memorable performances of Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference history back in 1923 when Fisk invaded Atlanta, Ga., to play her most odious grid rival, Morehouse college. Fisk had a Jewish coach named Lew Steiner; the Morehouse mentor was the illustrious B. T. Harvey.

An oddity of the colorful battle that day is that Fisk played the full game without a substitution! The Bulldogs—with Lunceford and John Harris at end; T. J. Long and Milton Young at tackle; A. Maurice Moore and Raymond Hamilton at guard; Victor Ferry at Center; Elliott Turner at quarter; Ed Goodwin and Henderson A. (Tubby) Johnson in the halves, and Jack Walker in full—experienced no lineup change whatever.

Morehouse got off to a lightning start and had Fisk 13-0 at the



Lucius Jones

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Record Throng Sees West Win

Pittsburgh Pa. Courier

CHICAGO, Aug. 5—With 51,723 fans roaring their approval, a spirited team of Negro American league stars sprung a major sports surprise here last Sunday by beating a Negro National league all-star team, 2 to 1, in the eleventh annual East-West classic at Comiskey park.

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and put Fisk back in the ball game at 13-7 in the third quarte after

Tubby converted.

Just as swiftly, Morehouse tallied again and took a 19-7 lead

going into the fourth and final period.

The writer, who witnessed that thrilling battle as a 13-year-old kid

atop one of the fences around the Morehouse athletic field, wedged

between frenzied, perspiring adults during the excitement and pande-

monius which broke out in the next few minutes when Tubby John-

son hurled another mighty pass into the eager but sure hands of

bandleader Lunceford who again dashed madly for a touchdown that

narrowed the count to 19-13.

Incensed, the Maroon Tigers took the ball and pushed the tired but unrelenting Fiskites all over the field—that is, their end of it—in the minutes that followed. It was in the fading moments of the game when Fisk had the ball on her own four-yard line and fourth down—that Tubby Johnson pulled what, at that time, was considered one of the most daring pieces of football ever concocted. Kick formation was called.

Tubby took the snap from center, faded back farther behind his own goal line and fired a booming 55-yard aerial which Lunceford, off with snap like a bolt of lightning, caught on the Morehouse 43-yard line and hauled the remaining distance for a touchdown. The score was knotted 19-19. Tubby's "money" toe measured up to the occasion and added the coveted point after touchdown which gave the Tennesseans a 20-19 victory all Fisk people still talk about—after 19 eventful years.

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Ink Williams, Former Brown U. 'End-Around' Specialist, Stops Over In Smoky City To Help "Keep 'Em Smoking"

JAY MAYO (INK) WILLIAMS, brilliant wingman for Brown uni versity in the early 20's after Fritz Pollard Sr. had carved out immortality at the Providence, R. I., educational center, was a Pittsburgh invader this week. The Decca talent scout was a patron at the "Keep 'Em Smoking" Jamboree at the Roosevelt Theater, the proceeds of which go to buy cigars, cigarettes and smoking tobacco for service go t

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Olmo Impresses Durocher, Dodgers With His Slugging

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 17.—The Dodgers are starting to look like a ball club again. Players are coming into this still frozen part of the country every day and the squad, after two days of awkward feeling around, is beginning to belt the pill around the great indoor gym here.

But the big thing of the Dodger camp these days is a brown eyed, tanned face rookie who looks like a Joe DiMaggio when he takes his cut at the plate. He is Luis Rodriguez Olmo, a 23-year-old Puerto Rican outfielder who has already caught the eye of Manager Leo Durocher and the rest of the Dodgers.

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Olmo, one of the first Puerto Ricans to get a trial in the majors, is fresh from a winter season in his country and has belted the ball with the authority of a Camilli or a Reiser.

Yesterday Olmo caused the whole camp to whistle as he stood at the plate for ten full minutes and slashed out long hits to both left and center fields. It wasn't the distance he got into his hits but the manner and style in which he stands at the plate that has won the admiration of the Dodgers and the baseball writers here at camp.

Standing 5 feet 11½ inches tall and weighing a powerful 190 pounds, Olmo has a relaxed easy stance at the plate. His arms swing slowly when he gets ready and he steps into a pitch with the ease of Joe DiMaggio.

After watching him, Leo Durocher said, "This boy can hit. I like his confidence and stance and the way he belts those balls with all the power of his shoulders and wrists. . . . Yes, indeed, he certainly looks like a hitter to me. . .

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Olmo is slated to spend the season with Montreal but if he goes well in the long series of Dodger exhibition games he may well be in the starting line up for the Bums when they open at Ebbets Field against the Giants in April.

Latest arrivals in camp are Mickey Owen and Whit Wyatt, both reporting in fine shape after a winter of hard work. . . . But the arrival of Mickey was offset by the retirement of Billy Sullivan, second string catcher. . . . The Dodgers are now looking around for a receiver but have not looked in the most obvious place. . . . In other words they have not looked in the direction of Josh Gibson—the greatest living catcher . . . right. He's a Negro ace. . . .

Regular visitors to the Dodgers camp are soldiers and sailors. . . . The soldiers come from nearby camps. . . . The other day Madame Chiang was a visitor and watched the boys go through their paces.

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Negro Stars Play At Stadium Sunday

Juan Vargas and Dave Thomas, each of whom collected a double off the delivery of Satchel Paige, will lead the attack of the New York Cubans against the Philadelphia Stars Sunday at Yankee Stadium in the feature of a double-header. Recently the Stars upset Paige's team, the Kansas City Monarchs. The Cubans battled the Monarchs closely last Sunday until two Cuban errors in the seventh broke a tie handing the visitors a 6-3 victory.

In the other game the Baltimore Elite Giants will play the Black Yankees.

The LOW DOWN—

Dixon to Win Tonight But a Word of Caution to the Over-Optimistic

MAR 6 1943

The "finger" will be on Frank Dixon tonight when he lines up together with 19 other college runners for the start of the IC4A mile at the Garden somewhere along 10 P. M.

It will be on him because for the first time he is the defending national champion and the man whom all the others will be out to beat. And it will be on him because for the first time also he will be the pace-maker—running ahead of the field, setting the speed and deciding the strategy and tactics over the course of the 22 laps which constitute a mile on the Garden track.

Now, in sizing up the race it is wise, at this point, to calm down the great fervor which has greeted the young Negro ace since his stunning victory over Gil Dodds in the AAU meet last week. While Dixon is a magnificent runner and while he does possess untold possibilities—it must be said that he still is young and inexperienced and this combination of youth and inexperience may be a hurdle to take only after a struggle.

The writers of the other papers have gone all out for Dixon now. But they may be doing what they did to Joe Louis when the great heavyweight champ was making his way to the top. They may call him the best ever and then rip him to pieces should he displease them with any performance.

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The danger in Dixon's case is that he may not run a race to the liking of the press box pundits thus bringing their "holy wrath" down upon his head.

The Daily Worker of course will make no such attack on the kid. We called him a long while ago and call him today—a runner with immense possibilities. But we will not set impossible tasks for him.

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We think he will win tonight's race and with it the National Collegiate championship—but we will not call him a bum if he doesn't.

Dixon's most tenacious opponent tonight will be the pace, not the runners who will be facing him. The kid is so strong he really doesn't know how fast and hard he can go.

It is revealing to know that he has been the most consistent miler of the year—in four races this year he has not gone over 4:11.2 and under 4:09.6. Considering that he is but a freshman you can readily understand how impressive these figures are.

It should also be noted that he has gotten progressively faster with each race—his last race being the 4:09.6, the fastest he has ever done in his life.

Dixon also learns swiftly as Emil Von Elling, his coach, who also had Glenn Cunningham and Leslie MacMitchell, will testify. Says Von Elling: **"Dixon amazes me with his ability to learn. In this respect he tops Cunningham and MacMitchell and you know what I think of those two. They were among the very best."**

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We have watched Dixon very carefully all season long. We watched him in his losing races and in his winning races and have come to the conclusion that his best race is yet to be run. There is no doubt about this in our mind. When he chopped down Dodds' 15-yard lead last week WITHIN ONE LAP and beat him going away with apparent ease we became convinced that only a faulty early strategy prevented Dixon from doing a world record 4:06.

In Frank's own words, lies the clue to his real ability: **"I was full of running at the end."**

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If he was full of running at the end of one of the most hectic mile races in history—imagine what he will be like when he paces himself more perfectly.

Yessir—Frank is a gold nugget and tonight he may shine bright. If he does the Garden should be the scene of one of those rare moments in athletic history. It may herald the full growth of one of the greatest runners of all time.

Quite a goal for a young man of 19 to shoot at, eh?

The Union
Cincinnati, Ohio

Harry Wills, "Black Panther" of the Past, Starts His Fast!

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New York, Feb. 28—Harry Wills, pugilism's ancient "Black Panther," has no intention of cutting in on the publicity of Mohandas K. Ghandi, but tomorrow the former heavyweight contender starts a thirty-day fast.

Wills, who never could entice Jack Dempsey into the ring, emphasizes that this fast is an annual affair, "which I do for my health."

Other men, like the late Terance MacSwiney, the late Jatindranath Das and the late Taha Hussein, attracted far more attention with their fasts or "hunger strikes" than Wills. But big Harry's annual abstention is the most famous fast in sports history, at least. He started his fasts in 1911 and hadn't missed yet.

For the next 30 days, the fifty-one-year-old Negro will eat "absolutely nuthin'" and drink only water. Harry, who packs about 245 pounds on a six-foot-two chassis, does not go through this ordeal for the purpose of reducing. Instead, the Harlem landlord does it "to burn the impurities out of my bo

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Wills, though the owner of two apartment buildings in upper Harlem and otherwise affluent, is careful of his diet during the year. He always looks solid, rangy and in condition. But Harry says he and everyone else eats more than necessary and that everyone would feel much better if they would burn out the impurities with a month's fast each year.

During this foodless period, the man who knocked out Fred Fulton in one round and who fought Sam Langford 12 times, will refrain from attending any boxing matches. "I have to keep away from crowds," he explained today, while chatting before one of his St. Nicholas Place apartment houses. "I have to keep away from tobacco smoke and foul air Plenty of fresh air, plenty of oxygen —and plenty of water are necessities during my fast."—Enquirer.

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Yanks Break Camp--Lindell To Be Regular Center Fielder

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(Special to the Daily Worker)

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 7.—The Yankees were all packed up and ready to break camp here for the return to the Yankee Stadium when Joe McCarthy gathered a number of sports scribes around him and made public his final training camp statement.

The statement, in other years, would be laughable but in this year of player shortage nothing is really laughable.

Anyway, here's what McCarthy told to scribes:

"The two outstanding ball players of the camp are George Sternweiss and Johnny Lindell, our center fielder."

The funny part is not of course, Sternweiss—he really is a star. . . . The humor is in the selection of Johnny Lindell, a rookie pitcher, as the regular Yank center fielder in place of Joe DiMaggio no less!

This is the key to the Yankee's outfield problem. In other years Lindell would be lucky to stay with the team even a few weeks, this year he is being heralded as one of the finds of the season and the Yanks are even claiming for him batting prowess which would make Ty Cobb blush with embarrassment.

Now Lindell is a nice sort of kid—he's a fairly good pitcher and is versatile enough to fill in at first base, at third or in the outfield. He can work at one of these positions for a few days and turn in a creditable performance. But to expect him to become the regular outfielder of a team famous for slugging as the Yanks are, is asking too much.

So you see, the Yanks do have problems and will have more once the season gets under way. Their infield is shot to pieces and their outfield is guaranteed of only real major leaguer—Charlie Keller.

The answer to the problem which harasses the Yanks is obvious to all readers of the Daily Worker and does not need repeating here. But our readers can do something by writing to McCarthy and telling him of the many Negro stars who could fill those spots on the team. . . .

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Despite these problems though, McCarthy still thinks he has the best team in the league. Listen to what he says:

"This team of ours is the best in the league. I am confident of that. I am not in the least worried about the other seven clubs in the league. I haven't seen them, it is true, but I know what they have and it is not enough to beat us. . . .

"Sternweiss needs polish a n d when he gets it he will be one of the real stars of the league. Wait and see if that is not true. . . . His speed is terrific and h has a sure pair of hands to g



JOE McCARTHY

with that. His arm is all that you can ask of a shortstop and his temperament is, of course, perfect. . . .

"Lindell? Don't laugh. He came here as a poor pitcher, but his pitching days are over. He will be our regular outfielder or a utility first baseman—or both. He is big, fast and strong and has a wonderful arm—he is also fast as they come. He should make an outfielder of some sort. . . ."

Well, that's that. Time will tell on Lindell. . . .

Meanwhile t h e Yanks are headed back for t h e Stadium after a windy and cold spring training camp. Despite the winds, however, the Yanks are in good shape and most of the players are agreed that northern training camps may be here to stay. . . .

Did Roxborough And Black Hurt Champion?

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By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK.—The talk was about Sgt. Joe Louis, the fight with Billy Conn which never came off, the taxes the champ owes the government and how he might have had more than enough to meet such emergencies.

We were on the corner, where most conversations take place, and the sun was beaming down through a foggy haze which made sitting as well as standing something of an ordeal. But the conversation more than made up for the discomfort. I was more interested in what two of the boys, Bob and Jimmy, were saying about the champ so I'm reporting it as a dialogue.

BOB: "I still say that Joe Louis is the most messed up fighter we have had, including Jack Johnson, John Henry Lewis and Henry Armstrong. I give credit where credit is due, but Johnny Roxborough and Julian Black, his managers, actually hurt the boy in his pocketbook instead of helping him."

JIMMY: "Man, don't say that. How could Roxy and Black hurt Joe? They did all in their power to put him on top, even sacrificing their own money to give us a champion that we all could be proud of. The record of Rox and Black as public figures in connection with Louis can't be equaled for honesty and ability to manage.

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BOB. "I grant you that, my good fellow. The idea of Negroes managing their own, selling him to the highest bidder, taking advantages of the breaks to push their man to the front is a sound one and an idea that won a lot of respect for Roxy and Julian, but I still say they went the wrong way."

JIMMY: "Wrong way? What do you mean by wrong way? Everything I've seen and heard about them in connection with Louis has been good, above board and all that sort of thing. What do you mean?"

BOB: "Just this: Roxy and Black didn't show the smartness of a white manager in taking advantage of Louis' fame and popularity while it was hot. I know the movies froze up on him and that all he could get in Hollywood was the lead role in 'Spirit of Youth,' a all-colored affair made by a class C outfit, and shown only in Negro theatres. But what of all the endorsements Louis could have cashed in on? Why wasn't his name on breakfast foods, cough syrups, medicines, toothpaste, foods, clothes, etc., like Babe Ruth, Jo DiMaggio, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones, and other big-time whites in sports?"

JIMMY: "That's unfair, my friend. You know the white folks wouldn't make any kind of offer that would let Louis get in the truly big dough in advertisement. He did endorse some hair grease for a concern that makes the stuff, but that concern is a colored company."

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BOB: "That's just what I'm talking about. If Joe Louis, right after he knocked out Schmeling in that second fight, had been pushed the way he should, he wouldn't have to worry about enough money to pay his taxes. You can't tell me that Black and Roxborough would be turned down by companies like the Curtis Candy outfit or the people who make Mars candy bars with a proposition for a Joe Louis peanut bar. And you can't tell me that some of the big ice cream companies would turn down a chance to get Joe Louis' endorsement of their product. All of them would have paid fancy prices too. Although Joe doesn't smoke or drink, Joe could have made a pile of cash off cigarette endorsements by inference, by saying he likes to smell smoke from a Chesterfield or Old Gold when his friends are puffing those kind of cigarettes. There were a gang of ways for Joe to cash in."

JIMMY: "But didn't Joe, Roxy and Julian hit the nail on the head when they opened that dude ranch outside Detroit? Now that was an achievement. I say. To think of a colored man owning such a layout, horses, cows, farmhouse, and everything. That's tops, old man. It's really tops."

BOB: "I grant you that. But why didn't they cut in on that Hotel Theresa deal right here in Harlem when the man wanted to sell it outright? What's better, a dude ranch in the west or the biggest hotel for Negroes in the world? I bet right now that the payoff on ownership of the Theresa for six months would pay Joe's taxes until he's 60 years old."

JIMMY: "I admit they passed up a good one on that, but I still say Julian and Roxy did all they could for Joe and maybe there was a bit of mismanagement along the line which might account for his tax situation."

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BOB: "And the army and the other folks concerned are seeing to it that Joe stays out of the limelight. It looks like it's curtains for him insofar as fighting is concerned. When the war is over, Joe might not be in condition to fight. One never knows."

METCALF WITH 93rd AT CAMP CLIPPER

Pittsburgh Courier

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 — Stationed with the famed 93rd Division at Camp Clipper some 200 miles from here is Ralph Metcalfe, former Olympic games hero. Metcalfe is engaged in special service work in the recreational department of the USO.

Tuskegee Wins SIAC Track And Field Meet

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By JOEL W. SMITH

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(S N S) — A brilliant array of track stars, from the Southern, South-Western Mid-Western conferences and Tuskegee Army Flying School, together with athletes from ranking high schools, competed in the combined 17th annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival and SIAC track and field meet, staged in the Alumni Bowl, Saturday afternoon. The combination meet was very successful, despite of the heavy thundershowers, that forced officials to run-off several events on a water-soaked track.

Mile in 4 minutes, 45.5 seconds, Tuskegee College Training with Charles Bozeman, of Morehouse College running a close second. Dunn, Alabama A and M College's colorful distance runner came thru in the 880 college honors. He out-paced a fast field and Tuskegee Institute won to take the "century," in 10.2, and finished third in this event. ran the 440 yard run in 52 seconds flat. Herbert Trawick, of Kentucky State won the shot put, and Perkins Dawson, another Thorobred finished third in the 100 yard dash. The highlight of the meet was the sensational performance of Rush Alabama A and M College, who took the two-mile run in grand style. Running in a heavy pour, Dunn jumped out in front on the first lap, continued his marvelous pace, to finish approximately 70 yards ahead of the field.

The Tuskegee Institute chalked up a total of 31 points to win the annual SIAC Track and Field Meet, with Alabama State Teachers' College, Montgomery, Alabama finishing second, with 26 points. Theodore Bayton, of Morehouse College was third with 25½ points, followed by Xavier University of New Orleans, with 23 points, Atlanta University 16, and Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, 15.

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David Bowen, Southern Univer-

versity, 18½ points, and Alabama A and M. College, 17 points. Points tallied by other canference teams were as follows: Fisk University, 12; Clark College, 6. Morris Brown College, 3; and Florida A and M College, 3.

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WASHINGTON HIGH WINS ALL HIGH SCHOOL RELAYS

The crack Booker T. Washington High School relay team made history in completely dominating the high school relays. The colorful Blue and White thinclads won with ease, from a fast field, including: Spencer High, Columbus, Georgia; Gaudet High, New Orleans; and Academy Street High, Troy, Alabama. The events won were: 440, 880, one mile and the high school medley relays. Roscoe Garmon, Robert Jewell, Charlie White, Harris Haynes, A. D. Chapman, and Robert Woods made up the Washington High squad.

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SUMMARY:

100 Yard Dash—(open) won by David Bolden (Southern) Pvt. Issac Ruffin (Tuskegee Army Flying School) second; Perkins Dawson (Kentucky State) third; William D. Warren (Gaudet Prep—New Orleans) fourth. Time 10.2 Sec.

100 Yard Dash—(SIAC) Won by John Warren, (Xavier); Lawson, (Tuskegee) second. Smith, (Tuskegee) third; Houston, (Alabama A and M(fourth).

220 Yard Dash (SIAC) won by Joseph F. Houston (Alabama A and M); Roland Pearson (Morehouse) second; J. B. Warren (Xavier(third; Hayward Crawford (Xavier) fourth; Richard McCrary (Florida) fifth. Time—23.1 seconds.

440 Yard Run—(Open event)—Won by David Bolden (Southern University) (First place did not count in SIAC Meet tabulations.) Turk (Alabama State) second; Lawlah Burt (Morehouse) third. William R. Williams (Morehouse) fourth; Leslie Collins (Morris Brown(fifth. Winning time: 50.4, Conference time: 52 Sec.

Two Mile Run—Won by W. Dunn (Alabama A and M Institute) C. Smith (Morehouse) second; O. Jefferson(Xavier) third, Earl Youngblood (Tuskegee) fourth. 10 Min. 21.3 Sec.

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440 College Relay—Won by Tuskegee, College Training Detachment, Alabama A and M, second; Xavier University, third; Tuskegee Institute, fourth. Time 45.8 Sec.

880 Yard College Relay—Won by Xavier University; Alabama A and M second; Tuskegee Institute, third; Florida A. and M. College, fourth. Time 1 Min. 41 Sec.

One Mile College Relay—Won by Tuskegee; Morehouse, (foul) third; Xavier, second. Time. 3 Min. 50.1 Sec.

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880 Yard High School Relay—Won by Booker Washington High School, Atlanta; Gaudet High School, New Orleans, second. Time; 1 Min. 41.3 Sec.

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One Mile High School Relay—Won by Booker Washington High, Atlanta, (Roscoe Garmon, Charlie White, A. D. Chapman, Robert Woods) Spencer High, Columbus, second (William Kinsley, C. Jones, William Banks, A. Slocum) second. Academy Street High School, Troy, third (John Carroll, James W. Bail, James Bell, Ernest Gray) Time: 3 Min. 36.1 Sec.

Pole Valut—Won by Nicholson (Tuskegee) Jones (Morehouse) second; Pruit (Xavier) third; Robinson, (Tuskegee) fourth; Allen (Tuskegee Army Flying School) Height: 10 feet, 10 inches.

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Baltimore, Maryland
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MAY 11 1943

WASHINGTON HIGH WINS ALL HIGH SCHOOL RELAYS

The crack Booker T. Washington High School relay team made history in completely dominating the high school relays. The colorful Blue and White thinclads won with ease, from a fast field, including: Spencer High, Columbus, Georgia; Gaudet High, New Orleans; and Academy Street High, Troy, Alabama. The events won were: 440, 880, one mile and high school medley relays. Roscoe Garmon, Robert White, Harris Haynes, A. D. Chapman, and Robert Woods made up the Washington High squad.

SUMMARY: MAY 11 1943

100 Yard Dash—(open) won by David Bolden (Southern) Pvt. Issac Ruffin (Tuskegee Army Flying School) second; Perkins Dawson (Kentucky State) third; William D. Warren (Gaudet Prep—New Orleans) fourth. Time 10.2 Sec.

100 Yard Dash—(SIAC) Won by John Warren, (Xavier); Lawson, (Tuskegee) second. Smith, (Tuskegee) third; Houston, (Alabama A and M(fourth).

220 Yard Dash (SIAC) won by Joseph F. Houston (Alabama A and M); Roland Pearson (Morehouse) second; J. B. Warren (Xavier(third; Hayward Crawford (Xavier) fourth; Richard McCrary (Florida) fifth. Time—23.1 seconds.

440 Yard Run—(Open event)—Won by David Bolden (Southern University) (First place did not count in SIAC Meet tabulations.) Turk (Alabama State) second; Lawlah Burt (Morehouse) third. William R. Williams (Morehouse) fourth; Leslie Collins (Morris Brown(fifth. Winning time: 50.4. Conference time: 52 Sec.

Two Mile Run—Won by W. Dunn (Alabama A and M Institute) C. Smith (Morehouse) second; O. Jefferson(Xavier) third, Earl Youngblood (Tuskegee) fourth. 10 Min. 21.3 Sec.

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440 College Relay—Won by Tuskegee, College Training Detachment, Alabama A and M, second; Xavier University, third; Tuskegee Institute, fourth. Time 45.8 Sec.

880 Yard College Relay—Won by Xavier University; Alabama A and M second; Tuskegee Institute, third; Florida A. and M. College, fourth. Time 1 Min. 41 Sec.

One Mile College Relay—Won by Tuskegee; Morehouse, (foul) third; Xavier, second. Time. 3 Min. 50.1 Sec.

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880 Yard High School Relay—Won by Booker Washington High School, Atlanta; Gaudet High School, New Orleans, second. Time; 1 Min. 41.3 Sec.

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One Mile High School Relay—Won by Booker Washington High, Atlanta, (Roscoe Garmen, Charlie White, A. D. Chapman, Robert Woods) Spencer High, Columbus, second (William Kinsley, C. Jones, William Banks, A. Slocum) second. Academy Street High School, Troy, third (John Carroll, James W. Ball, James Bell, Ernest Gray) Time: 3 Min. 36.1 Sec.

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Only 8,000, many of whom were army air cadets from Drake and three companies of white WAACs from Fort Des Moines and a number of colored WAACs in the northwest stands were out to see the finals run off. The sun beamed down in typical spring fashion but even the warmth failed to bring the folks out.

Davis Inducted

MAY 1 1943

Absent were any number of colored stars. Michigan Normal was not represented. Michigan State's Hugh Davis, sprint ace, was inducted into the army earlier in the week. The East Lansing, Mich., youth was almost a sure winner in the century.

There were no colored in the high jump, the pole vault and the broad jump. None were entered in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Leon English, Prairie View, won his trial heat (the third) in the 100-yard dash Friday, beating out Lindsey (white) of Texas University and James Sheppard of Texas College of Tyler, Texas, who was third.

Since only the first two men in each heat qualified for the final, Sheppard was out. He left for home late Friday night after receiving a wire from his wife that he had been ordered to report to his draft board on Monday morning.

Wins Medley

MAY 11 1943

Prairie View, defending champions, won the sprint-medley relay on Friday afternoon in 3:30.6. The runners were Paul Ware, former Iowa City, Iowa, high school quarter-miler and State prep champion of Iowa; James Bratcher, Leon English and Lewis Smith, the last three being native Texans. Smith is National AAU indoor 600 meters champion.

The same four youths won the first heat of the one-mile college relay in the slow time of 3:31.2

On Saturday, the Prairie View one-mile relay quartet stepped the distance in 3:20.1 on a slow track and with the wind blowing against the runners as they hit into the straightaway to the tape.

Prairie View's time last year was 3:18.5. This year none of the four runners were pushed, Smith finishing all by himself.

When the team returned to the hotel after Saturday's finals, the runners were informed that all four would be inducted into the army on Friday. The substitute on the team is Booker T. Caldwell of Crockett, Texas.

Loses Entire Team

Coach Sam Taylor was forced to scratch his team in the two-mile college relay. His crack half-miler, Defoe Johnson of Calvert, Texas, joined Uncle Sam's armed forces in February. The other three runners would have been Ware Bratcher and Smith.

With his four best quarter-milers going to the army, Coach Taylor will be forced to withdraw from the Tuskegee Relays at Tuskegee on May 7 and 8 and will not compete in the National Collegiates at Evanston, Ill., in June.

Don Welcher of Drake University placed second in the shot put on Saturday with a heave of 49 feet, and 7-8 inches after qualifying the day before with 48 feet, 7 inches. Welcher's 141.48 feet in the discus toss was good for fourth place.

Bob Kelley, University of Illinois, anchored the winning team in the two-mile university relay by running a beuatiful half-mile leg. He came right back to run the third leg on the University of Illinois one-mile university relay championship team.

Scholastic Stars

MAY 1 1943

Cal Mason, senior man on the Davenport, Iowa, high school team, and John Thomas, lead off man, along with Dave Williams, Ottumwa, Iowa, youth, who won the 12-pound interscholastic shot put with a heave of 48 feet, 3½ inches, were the two standouts in the interscholastic events. Like the college teams, the various high schools withdrew because of transportation difficulties.

The high jump record of 6 feet, 6 inches which was made in 1922 was broken by white Pete Watkins of Texas A. and M. College at 6 feet, 8 inches. The Drake pole vault record of 14 feet, ¼ inch was broken by white Lieut. Dick Ganslen, formerly of Columbia University but now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. Ganslen's 14 feet, ½ inch will be placed in the books as a special record because they army man is not a collegian.

Texas in Debut

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

BUCKEYES PLAY NEGRO GIANTS IN 2 GAMES TODAY

JUN 27 1943

The Chicago American Giants will meet the Cleveland Buckeyes in a Negro American baseball league double header in Comiskey park today at 1:30. Second place, now held by the Buckeyes, will be at stake. The American Giants last week knocked Cleveland out of the lead, which now is held by the Birmingham Black Barons.

Today's double header is sponsored by the colored Elks, who will have their 40 piece band and marching club present. In attendance will be J. Findlay Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the colored Elks, who has come from Washington, D. C., for the occasion.

The American Giants hope to win both games and move into second place in the first half race. Charlie Shields, a left hander, who has been pitching in the east, has rejoined the Giants, and will pitch the first game, with Leroy Sutton on the mound in the second.

Cleveland will start Theolic [Fire-] Smith in the opener and Willie Smith, p in the second game. Ed Young, Chicago first baseman, and Sam Jethroe, Cleveland outfielder, are bidding for league hitting honors. Lineups:

Cleveland.		Chicago.
Wyatt, ss	Horne, ss	Shields, p
Davenport, cf	Riddles, 2b	Ware, 1b
Bissant, lf	Woods, 3b	Taylor, c
Young, 1b	Jethroe, cf	Smith, p
A. Radcliffe, 3b	Cleveland, lf	Second Game.
Pennington, rf	Turner, rf	Jefferson, p
Charter, 2b		
T. Radcliffe, c		
Shields, p		

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
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S. C. State Ends Schedule Abroad

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Feb. 4 On the tour the Bulldogs chalk-sity, 32 to 29, prior to defeating a sum total of 84 points for the —Save for their pair of setbacked up 290 points to their oppon-Tuskegee and Alabama State by Bulldogs. Copeland was runner-at the hands of the high-scoringents' 260. Opposition, scoring was respective 59 to 34 and 45 to 23 up with 74 points while Holden Xavier five, the South Carolina bolstered considerably in the two scores. Then came the set of followed State Bulldogs compiled a most impressive record against the team winning the first tilt, 62 to 30, and coping the cream of the crop during their seven-game road trip, which ter-gagement, 58 to 36 minated with the State-Morris Brown tilt last week.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.
MAR 14 1943

'Champ' Bobo Takes Title Into Service

By the Associated Press

Fort George G. Meade, Md., March 13.—Harry Bobo, "duration" heavyweight world's boxing champion, Maryland version, has joined other titleholders in Uncle Sam's Army.

The Negro "dynamiting deacon" from Pittsburgh, whose alleged semiblindness that barred him from rings in his home State, gave him no trouble in passing the Army physical examination, was processed and assigned to Company F of the reception center here.

He hopes eventually to be assigned to a special service unit where he can teach other fighting men the tricks he learned in the ring.

Bobo said he hoped for one more chance to defend his title before settling down to the business of being a soldier. If the bout materializes it would pit Bobo against Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn., heavy, in Baltimore. Eagle, who boasts of never having been knocked down in the ring, holds two recent decisions over Lou Brooks of Wilmington, Del.

Bobo said if the fight could be arranged he wanted the proceeds to go to Army relief. He said "promoters in Baltimore" were trying to arrange furlough for him to train.

Only 22, the dusky Pittsburgh fighter has won 35 fights while dropping but 5 in a 3-year pugilistic career. The 5 men he lost to all were beaten by Bobo in return matches.

He said he wanted to return to the ring after the war is won.

Form Chart On 1943 Miles

Here is a form chart on the six major board-track mile races that have been run during the winter campaign, with the timings by quarters appended:

MET CHAMPS.		NEW YORK AC.	
Rafferty	4:17.8	Dodds	4:08.8
Dixon	——	Burnham	4:10.5
MILLROSE.		Dixon	4:10.8
Mitchell	4:08.6	Rafferty	4:12.3
Dodds	4:09.5	Mitchell	——
Dixon	4:10.6	NAT'L CHAMPS.	
Rafferty	4:19.0	Dixon	4:09.6
Burnham	——	Dodds	4:09.9
BOSTON AA.		Burnham	——
Dixon	4:11.4	Mitchell	——
Mitchell	4:11.5	IC4-A.	
Burnham	4:13.4	Burnham	4:16.2
Dodds	4:13.4	Dixon	4:16.2

Intermediate Times.

Event.	¼	½	¾	Finish.
Mets	61.9	2:09.6	3:17.9	4:17.8
Millrose	59.2	2:02.1	3:03.7	4:08.6
Boston AA	63.9	2:08.6	3:11.1	4:11.4
New York AC	62.7	2:02.4	3:04.9	4:08.8
AAU	59.6	2:00.8	3:05.1	4:09.6
IC4-A	63.2	2:09.6	3:17.4	4:16.2

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.
MAR 6 1943

Lightweight Titleholder Wins Over-the-Weight 12-Round Fight in Garden Ring

FANS JAM ARENA EARLY

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Terranova Outpoints Guido in Semi-Final—Flores, Levine Box to a Stand-Off

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By JAMES P. DAWSON

Beau Jack, recognized in New York State as the world lightweight champion, again won a decision from Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh, the former welterweight titleholder, in their twelve-round return fight at Madison Square Garden last night. The Augusta (Ga.) Negro's crown was not at stake in the over-the-weight bout.

The crowd was estimated at more than 20,000. The balcony sold out early. An hour before the main bout the doors were closed. All other seats were sold at the time and announcers notified the crowd that only standing room tickets were available.

Between the semi-final and the feature bout Carl Waite, former Rutgers football star, took over the ring in a War Bond selling campaign that went from the modest $25 issue to the substantial purchase of $70,000 in bonds.

The bout referee was George Walsh. The judges were Bob Cunningham and Bill Healy. Zivic weighed 146 pounds, Jack 135½.

Zivic Chages Tactics

Zivic started this fight differently from the first. He came out jabbing stiffly with his left, and twice reached the Beau's face with these stabs. But Jack swept through this thrust in a typical rush and started carrying the fight before it was fifteen seconds old. The Beau was as fast as lightning with his punches to the body. At close quarters he drilled steadily with both hands in spectacular flurries. MAR 6 1943

Zivic, fighting back, cracked several lefts and rights to the head at long range and clubbed his right to the head in the clinches. Near the end of the session Jack crashed two solid rights to the jaw as he backed Zivic to the ropes and was high with a third.

Zivic was hardly out of his corner with the start of the second sesison when Jack was upon him. The Beau never relented for the three minutes. He hammered Zivic steadily about the ring, throwing rights and lefts to th body. Zivic fought back cagily, trying to pick his opnings for solid thrusts, apparently in an effort to conserve his strength. But he was being hammered steadily about the body all the time, harassed by right uppercuts that grazed his chin and clubbed by sweeping rights. He was so busy on the defense he had no time for an attack. MAR 6 1943

Fritzie Lashes Back

For close to wo minutes of the third round Beau belted Zivic almost without let-up. Rights and lefts rained upon Fritzie from all angles and he had no defense. Nobody could have had a defense for that style of action. But at the two-minute mark Zivic whipped a savage left to the body and followed with a left and right to the body that stung.

Cheered by the crowd, Zivic cut loose desperately, lashing lefts and rights for the jaw, but most of the blows were wild, as were the drives of Beau in retaliation. At the bell Zivic whipped a solid left to the ribs. MAR 6 1943

The fourth was another round for Jack simply because he was too busy and too active for Zivic. Fritzie fought back against the storm of blows and chopped a variety of short rights and lefts to the head or body at close quarters, but these were as nothing to the drilling to which Beau subjected his foe. Several times Jack cut loose with rights for the jaw, but they landed high. Zivic's left eye was starting to puff.

Zivic's work through the fifth was confined to a succession of short right uppercuts at close quarters. Jack belabored Zivic about the body with both hands and jolted several rights to the head. MAR 6 1943

Eviction Suit Against Ex-Champ Dismissed

MAR 31 1943

Los Angeles, March 30 (INS)—An eviction suit against Jack Johnson, former Negro heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and his attractive Caucasian wife was dismissed today by Municipal Judge Robert Clifton. MAR 31 1943

The eviction was brought by Mrs. Lelanny Eastland, the landlady, who said she wanted to occupy the house herself.

The Johnsons, however, declared in an answer to the eviction suit that Mrs. Eastland ordered them out because of race discrimination. MAR 31 1943

City In Which He Learned to Box Honors Its Own

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.
APR 6 1943

Claims Beau Jack for Its Latest

By CONSTINE.

International News Service Sports Writer

New York, April 5 (INS)—Beau Jack never boxed in Georgia. It was in Holyoke (ed. note: Milligan had a summer job there, and took Jack with him) that Beau got his start. His first bout was on May 20, 11940 in the Holyoke Valley Arena, where he fought a draw with a Holyoke boy named Allen. Beau Jack's next 26 fights were in Holyoke, and he did not make his out-of-town debut until August 5, 1941, when he fought one Minnie De Nobody was interested enough in him to send him to school. Few knew his real name, Sidney Walker. Old Lady had given him the name Beau Jack, although there was never a mention of his probably meant it to be "Bo," hailing from Georgia. Jack It became "Beau" when he wandered out of his Tobacco Road settlement near Augusta, Ga., one day and found work as a shoeshine boy at the Augusta National Golf Club, which was an other world. Before that the only job he had was raiding garbage pails for Uncle Jesse's hog. His first fights were for raiding rights.

Toast of Rich

Now he is the toast of the rich and sporting golf club members who put up the money to send him north with his guardian, Bowman Milligan, Negro steward of the club. The members root like mad for him and see to it that his money is saved. Each of them has been paid back the $50 invested in him at the beginning. He has added considerable fame to Augusta, and the folks there are justly proud of him.

Now comes Holyoke, Mass., in the person of a prominent figure there, to claim him.

"He's ours," our correspondent writes. "Augusta has no real claim on him, according to boxing tradition. Beau Jack never boxed in Georgia. It was in Holyoke (ed. note: Milligan had a summer job there, and took Jack with him) that Beau Jack got his start. His first bout was on May 20, 11940 in the Holyoke Valley Arena, where he fought a draw with a Holyoke boy named Allen. Beau Jack's next 26 fights were in Holyoke, and he did not make his out-of-town debut until August 5, 1941, when he fought one Minnie De

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Gordon Blow to Giant Hopes

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.
APR 8 1943

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, N. J., April 7.—Mel Ott, who has rare this spring, is grimmer than usual today e realization that his ball club has been shot more shots will come soon.

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ad enough when the Giants lost such aces as Babe Young, Willard Marshall and Harry Danrmed forces—but before the team could adjust losses, there have Yanks, at Asbury Park. The diaumber of others mond here has been above re- ll disaster to the proach and even if the weather has g hopes of the been inclement most of the times, ys. the boys have managed to whip em now is third themselves into shape in a com- on, the Brooklyn paratively short time.

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osed to have been In the two exhibition games spot — but the which the Giants have had, they n was given his have given evidence of continuing is now awaiting their hitting of last year. But this ts will be at an of course is subject to change when a hot corner they meet major league teams. Of all the Giants, Buster Mayk Bartell is out nard and Joe Orengo have been n and arm and doing the most convincing slugll most probably ging. The latter is scheduled to ith a pitcher or open the season at first base in g. place of the mighty hitting Johnm is still there ny Mize who is getting up early will be sunk if in the morning these days as a before long. Here private in the Army. Orengo has ses of the Yanks nowhere near the power Mize has olution is within of course, but Ott is hoping he ly be taken. But will be able to hit in the clutch the other major and knock in enough runs to keep refused to look the team going.

Maynard has always looked like the Negro stars.

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WON OFTEN

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The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.
APR 9 1943

of the seventh round in the scheduled 10-rounder the little dynamo, weakened, looked at the referee as if asking "Why go on hitting him?" Adgie didn't hesitate. He waved Shapiro to his corner and raised Armstrong's hand.

Armstrong, a 3 to 1 favorite, weighed 140½ to Shapiro's 135.

Before the end came after 1:58spit blood. Armstrong, obviously

fore 11,000 at Convention hall. age left cross that made Shapiro Maxie Shapiro of New York, be-after Armstrong had landed a sav-7-round technical knockout over Referee Matt Adgie stopped it Monday night and belted out a the start of the seventh. played his talent unusually well the sixth and again shortly after Armstrong of Los Angeles—dis-piro for two nine counts, once in of infighting.—Hammerin' Henry champions hips, had floored Sha-Philadelphia.—That old master former holder of three world

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Terranova Outpoints Guido in Semi-Final—Flores, Levine Box to a Stand-Off

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By JAMES P. DAWSON

Beau Jack, recognized in New York State as the world lightweight champion, again won a decision from Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh, the former welterweight titleholder, in their twelve-round return fight at Madison Square Garden last night. The Augusta (Ga.) Negro's crown was not at stake in the over-the-weight bout.

The crowd was estimated at more than 20,000. The balcony sold out early. An hour before the main bout the doors were closed. All other seats were sold at the time and announcers notified the crowd that only standing room tickets were available.

Between the semi-final and the feature bout Carl Waite, former Rutgers football star, took over the ring in a War Bond selling campaign that went from the modest $25 issue to the substantial purchase of $70,000 in bonds.

The bout referee was George Walsh. The judges were Bob Cunningham and Bill Healy. Zivic weighed 146 pounds, Jack 135½.

Zivic Chages Tactics

Zivic started this fight differently from the first. He came out jabbing stiffly with his left, and twice reached the Beau's face with these stabs. But Jack swept through this thrust in a typical rush and started carrying the fight before it was fifteen seconds old. The Beau was as fast as lightning with his punches to the body. At close quarters he drilled steadily with both hands in spectacular flurries. MAR 6 1943

Zivic, fighting back, cracked several lefts and rights to the head at long range and clubbed his right to the head in the clinches. Near the end of the session Jack crashed two solid rights to the jaw as he backed Zivic to the ropes and was high with a third.

Zivic was hardly out of his corner with the start of the second sesison when Jack was upon him. The Beau never relented for the three minutes. He hammered Zivic steadily about the ring, throwing rights and lefts to th body. Zivic fought back cagily, trying to pick his opnings for solid thrusts, apparently in an effort to conserve his strength. But he was being hammered steadily about the body all the time, harassed by right uppercuts that grazed his chin and clubbed by sweeping rights. He was so busy on the defense he had no time for an attack. MAR 6 1943

Fritzie Lashes Back

For close to wo minutes of the third round Beau belted Zivic almost without let-up. Rights and lefts rained upon Fritzie from all angles and he had no defense. Nobody could have had a defense for that style of action. But at the two-minute mark Zivic whipped a savage left to the body and followed with a left and right to the body that stung.

Cheered by the crowd, Zivic cut loose desperately, lashing lefts and rights for the jaw, but most of the blows were wild, as were the drives of Beau in retaliation. At the bell Zivic whipped a solid left to the ribs. MAR 6 1943

The fourth was another round for Jack simply because he was too busy and too active for Zivic. Fritzie fought back against the storm of blows and chopped a variety of short rights and lefts to the head or body at close quarters, but these were as nothing to the drilling to which Beau subjected his foe. Several times Jack cut loose with rights for the jaw, but they landed high. Zivic's left eye was starting to puff.

Zivic's work through the fifth was confined to a succession of short right uppercuts at close quarters. Jack belabored Zivic about the body with both hands and jolted several rights to the head. MAR

Eviction Suit Against Ex-Champ Dismissed

MAR 31 1943

Los Angeles, March 30 (INS) —An eviction suit against Jack Johnson, former Negro heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and his attractive Caucasian wife was dismissed today by Municipal Judge Robert Clifton. MAR 31 1943

The eviction was brought by Mrs. Lelanny Eastland, the landlady, who said she wanted to occupy the house herself.

The Johnsons, however, declared in an answer to the eviction suit that Mrs. Eastland ordered them out because of race discrimination.

City In Which He Learned to Box Is Ready for Its Claims Beau Jack's Latest Gordon's IA Blow to Giant Hopes

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Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

By BOB CONSIDINE.

International News Service Sports Writer

New York, April 5 (INS)—Beau Jack never boxed in Georgia. It was in Holyoke (ed. note: Milligan had a summer job there, and took Jack with him) that Beau got his start. His first bout was on May 20, 11940 in the Holyoke Valley Arena, where he fought a draw with a Holyoke boy named Allen. Beau Jack's next 26 fights were in Holyoke, and he did not make his out-of-town debut until August 5, 1941, when he fought one Minnie De [illegible]

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The Philadelphia Inquirer
Kansas City, Kan.

of the seventh round in the scheduled 10-rounder in the Little Dynamo, weakened, looked at the referee Shapiro getting stronger while as if asking "Why go on hitting him?" Adgie didn't hesitate. He waved Shapiro to his corner and raised Armstrong's hand.

Armstrong, a 3 to 1 favorite, weighed 140½ to Shapiro's 135.

of infighting—Hammerin' Henry champions hips, had floored Sha- Armstrong Los Angeles—dis-piro for two nine counts, once in played his talent unusually well the sixth and again shortly after Monday night and belted out at the start of the seventh. 7-round technical knockout over Referee Matt Adgie stopped it Maxie Shapiro of New York, be-after Armstrong had landed a savfore 11,000 at Convention hall. age left cross that made Shapiro Before the end came after 1:58 spit blood. Armstrong, obviously



By Naylor Stone

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Crystal Ball Tells Us It'll Be Angott Over Henry Tonight

Our favorite cauliflower, Sammy Angott, will swap and block with Henry Armstrong in Madison Square Garden tonight. The crystal ball—we mean the one that never fails—whispers in a soft soprano that Angott will come down the stretch in front.

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The crystal ball we are using this time is the one that let us know Angott would whip Willie Pep, a young man who never before had been thumped. Well, sir, the fight's history and all we have to do is look into the little book and see that another triumph was marked up for that crystal ball. Because of wartime priorities, they are not making any more crystal balls the likes of this one that has never been wrong.

When old "Evil Eye" Finkel hexes a pugilist it is nothing compared to what the crystal ball will do to a fighter it goes against. So we say pity poor Henry Armstrong tonight!

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It'll Be A Rough One All The Way—

Seriously, Angott, the best lightweight we've had around in a lot of years, should win this one and we cannot see how the beachcombers around Jacobs Beach can see the thing as an even-Stephen affair, 6 to 5 and take your pick or "Armstrong the winnah!"

The fight will be a rough one. Perhaps it'll be the roughest ever staged in Madison Square Garden, the house that Tex Rickard built. But we have yet to see a pugilist who can outrough Angott. Ask Willie Pep. That guy knows.

Perhaps there'll be more wrestling, butting and kneeing than there will be boxing tonight.

Please remember what we are telling you and see how far wrong we can be.

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There's A Chance He'll Cut Eyes—

It would not surprise us to an extent that we would be gaga if Angott should happen to stop Armstrong. We do not mean knockout the Negro.

Armstrong's eyes have been bad in the past. He had to quit boxing for a long while because of them. Since he has staged his marvellous comeback, Henry has had no trouble with his lamps. But he hasn't been in there with a fighter who can butt with the finese of Angott.

So, as we have intimated, it would not surprise us a whole lot if Armstrong eye's were laid wide open and the referee would have to step in there and end hostilities.

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Nearly two years ago Armstrong came to our town with Cleo Shans. He was wearing specs then and vowing to all who would listen that he'd never lace on the padded mittens again. But here he is tonight, in there with a hellion of the ring, a guy who might force him to bring out those cheaters and put 'em on again.

Anyhow, Angott'll win tonight and we admire Armstrong for getting in there with him.

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Now Aren't They Just Too Funny—

Yesterday the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission went on record as recognizing Bob Montgomery as lightweight champion because of his triumph over Beau Jack.

That's a fine example of how screwy a commission can get and should make us appreciate no little our own Alabama Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

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Angott was lightweight king until he temporarily quit because he refused to go in the tank at command of gangsters. Then he came back, whipped Pep and now is taking on Armstrong.

Besides, Angott has beaten this same Montgomery three times, and each time by a wider margin.

Sammy still is lightweight king in our little book. We do not mean the little book which we have plastered with comics, such as pictures of the Pennsylvania and New York Athletic Commissioners.

And how are we doing?

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

The LOW DOWN—

About Armstrong, Josh, Haegg and a Little Guy Named Don Schoolman

NAT LOW

We visited Henry Armstrong at his hotel yesterday to see how he was feeling after his tough, bruising fight with Sammy Angott Friday night at the Garden. We found Henry all right except for a badly split lip which will prevent him from going through with scheduled fights against Willy Joyce and another scrapper out on the coast.

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Henry suffered a nasty gash in his lower lip somewhere in the sixth round, when the awkward, mauling Angott, after a wrestling spree in the middle of the ring, accidentally butted Henry with the top of his head.

Armstrong will rest up a few weeks before he begins the training grind again.

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The news from the Negro sports writers covering the Homestead Grays is that Josh Gibson, over the stomach ailment which sent him to a hospital last year, is having one of the greatest seasons of his brilliant career.

Josh is belting the cover off the ball and is packing in the fans wherever he plays. Last Sunday, for instance, the Grays played a double bill with the Bushwicks at Dexter Park. Up to this game the Bushwicks had gone through 14 straight games since the start of the season, unbeaten. The largest crowd of the year, 13,000, turned out to mob the place and when the afternoon was over the Negro team had swept both games with Josh leading the way by smashing out six hits, including a triple and three doubles. One hit just missed being a 430-foot homer by inches. . . .

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The international importance attached to the much awaited meeting of Greg Rice and Gunder Haegg in the AAU National Championships next Sunday at Randall's Island, is manifested by the wire which this department received yesterday from the Swedish people's paper, NY DAG, which requests us to cable them a story of the race.

Haegg, who is undoubtedly one of the greatest runners in the history of the world, is shaping up as quite a guy in more ways than one. While his country, Sweden, maintains a phony "neutrality" in this war against fascism, he has insisted upon running for the benefit of the United States Army War Relief Society. By this action Haegg is no doubt giving expression to the true feelings of his people as regards this war.

The wonderful distance runner will meet Rice probably in the 5,000-meter run Sunday before what promises to be one of the greatest crowds ever to see a foot race in our country. . . . The race will be covered by newspapers of the whole Allied world, including the Soviet Union where racing is one of the nation's leading sports. Needless to say, the Daily Worker will be on the spot with what we hope will be excellent coverage of this historic event—and our brother paper in Stockholm will get their story over the trans-Atlantic cables.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

JUL 22 1943

The LOW DOWN—

NBA Fight Ratings Only Highlight Plight of Boxing This Year

NAT LOW

The quarterly ratings of the NBA (National Boxing Association) issued yesterday are made conspicuous by the scarcity of real fighters around. In former years the ratings would stir up vitriolic arguments pro and con—in this year of all-out offensive war against the fascists only a handful of fighters are around to be rated and of these Negro battlers top all the lists.

The most talked-about fighter is Jimmy Bivins, who fusion which has been the lot of the lightweight division

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quit the lightheavyweight ranks and is now plying his trade among the big boys. Bivins, who hasn't been beaten in close to two years of very active campaigning, was advanced to the position of "logical contender," a post heretofore reserved for only two fighters—Billy Conn and Melio Bettina.

That the hard-hitting, elusive and clever boxing Bivins should be ranked so highly in his first year among the heavies is a very logical thing. Just a couple of days ago Joe Louis named him the best fighter in the country today—among those out of the Army of course—and that is exactly what he is. Bivins has a murderous punch and a shifty bobbing and weaving style which will upset any opponent no matter how clever he may be.

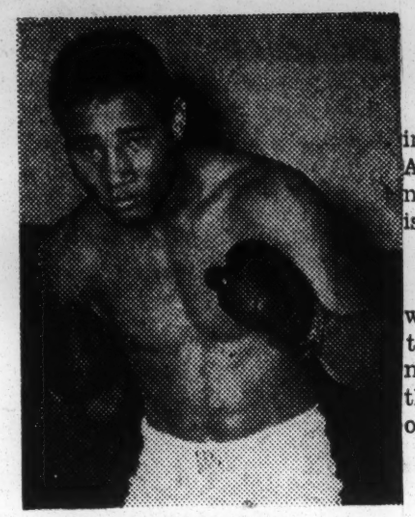
The manner in which he belted Tami Mauriello around in their Garden fight last winter was enough to convince most of the experts of his talents. Bivins beat the rugged, hard-punching and fight-loving Mauriello with what amounted to ridiculous ease and there was never any question about his superiority.

Monty 'Logical Contender'

The rest of the NBA ratings only express the con-

since Sammy Angott quit his crown some ten months ago. The NBA rates Bob Montgomery, conquerer of Beau Jack, a "logical contender." This is ridiculous enough to cause many a laugh among fight men. If Monty is only a "logical contender" then whom, may we politely ask, is the champion? JUT 22 1943

Obviously not Beau Jack, who was beaten by Montgomery. And obviously not Sammy Angott who retired, came back, and then was beaten by Henry Armstrong who in turn was beaten by Beau Jack.



BEAU JACK

The logical champion we would say is Montgomery, who, by beating the previous best man in the field, Beau Jack, took over the title. All other talk is just sheer bunk and nothing else.

In This CORNER

By BILL MARDO

The Fight We Never Wanted to See—Henry and Ray

The Worker
New York, N. Y.

And so it finally happened . . . Henry Armstrong and Ray Robinson have agreed to meet in a ten-rounder at the Polo Grounds, Aug. 27th. How ironic are the fortunes of the fight game! AUG 1 1943

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. . . 1940 . . . A cool September evening in the smoke-filled Garden . . . 20,000 people sitting in on some unexpected drama . . . Henry Armstrong reeling around the ring like a drunken man—his two eyes shut tight, and a flow of blood gushing out from his battered lips. . . . And a tough, ring-hardened scrapper from Pittsburgh throwing everything he had into his blows, hoping to floor his man and end the massacre. . . . And a wide-eyed Negro kid looking up from ringside—silently vowing to avenge the terrible beating his idol was taking. . . .

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A year passes. And the handsome young kid from Harlem is facing his big test. In there with the welter champ—a canny, cutting puncher from Pittsburgh. Ray Robinson and Fritzie Zivic. . . . An over-the-weight affair. No title involved here. But this fight means more to Ray than a big fight for the crown. And the bell rings and young Robinson glides out of his corner. . . . His eyes mirror his thoughts. . . . **THIS ONE IS FOR HENRY. . . .**

An hour later, the Garden is in an uproar. The lights are up and wild cheers tumble down from the galleries to ringside. In one corner, handlers are working over the Pittsburgh battler. His body showing deep, red welts from the never-ending barrage of blows he had suffered. And leaning over the ropes, talking into the microphone, is the unmarked youth from the sidewalks of Harlem. I'm glad I won . . . Fritzie's a fine boy. . . . Yes, I'd like to meet him again. No, he didn't hurt me much. . . . Wanna say hello to my folks. . . . Be right home. And the words tumbled out from the mouth of the smiling, happy youngster.

But there was something Ray Robinson wasn't saying over the air. Something he had on his mind for a long time. Something he took care of that night. But he was thinking it all the same. . . . THIS ONE IS FOR HENRY . . .

The Road Back AUG 1 1943

January, 1942. In California, a former three-title champ looks into the mirror. Kinda fleshy, now. But I bet I could do it. I bet. And Henry Armstrong, broke, makes an important decision. The news is flashed out. The greatest little fighter, pound-for-pound, is making a comeback. And his friends sigh. The old story.

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Home. Back in the Garden again. A record crowd turns out to welcome Armstrong back into the big time. Henry riding high on the skein of the most amazing comebacks in ring history. His opponent, Beau Jack. A kid who was once Henry's sparring mate. Now the lightweight champ of the world. A fast, hard-punching bundle of energy.

Too fast for Henry. The kid wins. But the mob files out the Garden talking not about the victor, but the performance turned in by Armstrong. Yeah, Henry had come back a long way. Not as fast as the old Armstrong. Doesn't throw as many punches as he once did. But the old bang is still there. Beau knew he was in a fight.

Henry tries again. This time against Sammy Angott, former lightweight boss. And Henry comes through. Outsmarts Angott and impresses the crowd with his stamina and punching. ALMOST like the Armstrong-of-old.

Again Youth vs. Age AUG 1 1943

Rarely do two great fighters meet when both are at their peaks. It's almost like a law of the game. Think back. Sullivan and Corbett. Jeffries and Johnson. Dempsey and Tunney. McLarnin and Benny Leonard. And too many others. Always it's a case of the meteoric youngster flashing across the fistic horizon and catching up with a fading great.

It will be no exception when Armstrong and Corp. Ray Robinson tangle. What Henry could have done with Ray if both met at their respective best, is a matter of conjecture.

Robinson's toughest fights came at the hands of Marty Servo and Jake LaMotta, both hustling, boring-in- body punchers. Ray prefers to stay off from his foe, and fire his spearing left from a distance. The Armstrong of '38 would have been on top of Ray all night, subjecting him to a furious tattoo of lefts and rights to the body. . . .

What Will He Be Thinking? AUG 1 194

Be that as it may, Henry and Ray meet next month. The fight we hoped never would come off. The fight Robbie never wanted.

Yes, the fortunes of the fight game do take strange twists. . . .

What will young Ray be thinking of as he and his pal square off?

Of the days when he was just a dreaming kid, reading about the great Armstrong?

Of the night he swore to avenge his idol's defeat?

Of the time he trounced Fritzie Zivic, proud in the knowledge that he had won . . . that he had come through on his self-made pledge to "win this one for Henry?"

The fortunes of the fight game. Strange. So strange.

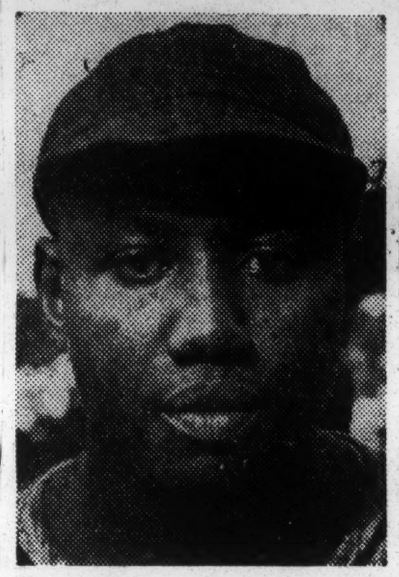
Tuskegee Halfback Is Honored

Philadelphia, Pa.
JUN 12 1943

Tuskegee Institute, Ala. — The Rosa D. Malone Prize given annually by Mrs Rosa D. Malone of Spokane, Washington, to the students who make the best records in Athletics during the year were awarded to Raymond Head and Elizabeth Campbell.

Arthur Sawyer, star halfback on the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tiger football team during the past season, was awarded the handsome Macon Theatre (Tuskegee, Alabama) Trophy, given annually to the outstanding male athlete of Tuskegee Institute. The student must maintain a good scholastic record and his deportment must be satisfactory, members of the award committee stated.

Plays in Polo Grounds Sunday



Josh Gibson, the greatest hitter in baseball today, will make his first appearance of the season at the Polo Grounds on Sunday when the Homestead Grays tackle the New York Cubans in a double-header starting at 1:30 P.M. . . . Gibson, having one of his greatest years, already has 18 homers to his credit and is batting .345. . . . His appearance against the Cubans will be highlighted by the pitching of Dave Barnhill who will face the Grays in the first game. . . .

Jim Crow in Texas

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
JUN 19 1943

Colored Can't Play Whites

CLOVIS, New Mexico.—Corp. Ray Robinson, former professional baseball player, was barred from pitching with an army air base team in a tournament at El Paso, Texas, recently because he is colored.

Only colored member of the army team, Corporal Robinson was scheduled to pitch the opening game but was notified shortly before game time that Texas laws prohibited his playing against a white team.

A white lieutenant spoke up in the hurler's behalf and sought to forfeit the game but was overruled by higher authorities.

Robinson tendered his resignation from the team but the lieutenant flatly refused to accept it. He said the Texas team would be eliminated from the army schedule.

As a civilian, Robinson pitched with the New York Cubans, the Newark Eagles and the Cleveland Buckeyes. He attended Virginia Union University and at one time was an assistant to Pops Turner, coach at North Carolina State College.

Roy Sparrow Succumbs In Pittsburgh Hospital

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier

Well-Known Sports Figure and Promoter Was Assistant Advertising Manager of Courier

Roy Sparrow, assistant advertising manager of The Pittsburgh Courier, and one of the most asute promoters of his time, died Saturday at Pittsburgh's Presbyterian hospital after a lingering illness. He was 43.

A popular sports figure, Sparrow was one of the founders of the annual East-West baseball classic in 1932. He lived to see his idea bourgeon into a $300,000 reality, in which the cream of Negro baseball talent has congregated at Chicago for 11 consecutive years to thrill steadily increasing crowds.

For a time he was connected with Alex Pompez, the owner of the New York Cubans, in promotional ventures in New York.

RETURNS TO PITTSBURGH

In 1940, Sparrow returned to Pittsburgh, where he became assistant advertising manager of The Courier, a position he held until his death. He was a member of the circulation department of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, a daily newspaper, from 1929 to 1935.

Sparrow was born in Alexandria, Va., in 1900. He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Corine Ward, with whom he lived at 825 Anaheim street; a brother, Charles, of New York, and an uncle, Harry Doss of Philadelphia.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at St. Luke Baptist church. Interment was in Allegheny cemetery.

At the East-West game at Chicago Sunday, 51,735 fans paid silent tribute to Roy Sparrow, one of the men who made the event possible.

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Paige, Day to Pitch in Negro Battle Today

AUG 1 1943

Leroy [Satchel] Paige of the Kansas City Monarchs and an array of players from the six clubs of the Negro American Baseball league take the field at Comiskey park at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the 11th annual Negro East - West All-Star game, hoping to end the East's three year winning streak in intersectional competition. The East players have been selected from the seven teams of the Negro National league.

Paige is scheduled to pitch the first three innings, the maximum allowed any hurler. He will be opposed by Leon Day of the Newark Eagles.

Large crowds and thrilling games always have marked this series, which has been held continuously at Comiskey park since it was started in 1933 in conjunction with A Century of Progress, and the 1943 renewal promises to be no exception. Home runs have decided most of the previous games, six of which have been won by the East against four for the West.

Paige, now in his best form in years, will be making his fifth East-West appearance. He will go into today's game with a score to settle as he was charged with last year's defeat when milling crowds outside the field prevented him from getting into Comiskey park until the late stages of the contest. Lineups:

East.
Bell [Homestead], lf.
Kimbro [Baltimore], cf.
Leonard [Homestead], 1b.
Gibson [Homestead], c.
Easterling [Homestead], 3b.
Pearson [Newark], rf.
S. Bankhead [Homestead], 2b.
Martinez [New York], ss.
Day [Newark], p.

West.
Wyatt [Chicago], ss.
Davenport [Chicago], rf.
A. Radcliffe [Chicago], 3b.
W. Brown [Kansas City], cf.
Robinson [Memphis], lf.
O'Neil [Kansas City], 1b.
Sampson [Birmingham], 2b.
T. Radcliffe [Chicago], c.
Paige [Kansas City], p.

Other Players.
EAST—Barnhill [New York Cubans], B. Brown [Philadelphia], Wright [Homestead], Harvey [Baltimore], Boone [Harrisburg], pitchers; Clark [Baltimore] catcher; Scales [Baltimore], infielder Varges [Cubans], Benjamin [Homestead], outfielders; Harris [Homestead], manager.
WEST—Moss [Memphis], Smith [Cleveland], McKinnis [Birmingham], Jessup [Chicago], pitchers; L. Brown [Memphis] Hardy [Birmingham], catchers; F. Bankhead [Memphis], Tatum [Cincinnati], Williams [Kansas City], Woods [Cleveland], infielders; Wilson [Cincinnati], Christopher [Cleveland], Hyde [Memphis], outfielders; Duncan [Kansas City], manager; Welch [Birmingham], coach.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Paige and Day Will Pitch for East and West

JUL 31 1943

Starting lineups and batting orders for the 11th annual Negro East-West all-star baseball game tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Comiskey park were announced last night by the rival managers, Frank Duncan of the Kansas City Monarchs for the West, and Vic Harris of the Washington-Homestead Grays for the East.

Leroy [Satchel] Paige of the Monarchs will be on the mound the first three innings for the West, opposed by Leon Day of the Newark Eagles. Four Chicago American Giants will be in the West starting lineup. Selected from the six clubs of the Negro American league, the West batting order follows: Ralph Wyatt, Chicago, shortstop; Lloyd Davenport, Chicago, right field; Willard Brown, Kansas City, center field; Neil Robinson, Memphis Red Sox, left field; Buck O'Neil, Kansas City, first base; Tommy Sampson, Birmingham Black Barons, second base; Red Radcliffe, Chicago, catcher, and Paige.

The East team, taken from the seven clubs of the Negro National league, will bat as follows: Jim Bell, Grays, left field; Henry Kimbro, Baltimore Elites, center field; Buck Leonard, Grays, first base; Josh Gibson, Grays, catcher; Howard Easterling, Grays, third base; Len Pearson, Newark Eagles, right field; Sammy Bankhead, Grays, second base; Horacio Martinez, New York Cubans, shortstop, and Day. The East has nine more players, in addition to Manager Harris, an outfielder, while the West has 13 replacements besides Manager Duncan, a catcher, and Coach W. S. Welch of the Birmingham Black Barons, an outfielder.

A capacity crowd is anticipated. The East's 5 to 2 triumph of last year, its third in a row for a 6 to 4 advantage in the series, was witnessed by 48,000.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Black Barons Take On New York Cubans At Rickwood Sunday

Island Natives Slated To Show Stuff In Twin Feature Set For 2 P.M.

JUL 25 1943

In one of the season's outstanding Negro baseball doubleheaders here, the Birmingham Black Barons take on the New York Cubans Sunday afternoon at Rickwood Field. The first game will start at 2 p.m.

The Black Barons have won the first half laurels in the West's Negro American League and the Cubans are hot contenders for the East's Negro National League championship. Of interest in the clash is the presence of such native Cuban players as Horacio Martinez, great shortstop; Francisco Coimbre, slugging outfielder; Juan Vargas, another outfielder rated the fastest man in baseball togs; Rogelio Linares, Rodalfo and Jose Fernandez, Xavier Perez and others.

Probable Lineups

Cubans	Black Barons
Vargas, cf	McLaurin, cf
Martinez, ss	Sampson, 2b
Perez, 2b	Spearman, rf
Coimbre, rf	Lockett, lf
Brooks, lf	Davis, ss
Linares, 1b	Dunn, 1b
Cox, 3b	Walker, 3b
Louden, c	Hardy, c
Fernandez, p	Markham, p

Rodalfo Fernandez, a pitcher who beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Cuba in the Spring of 1942, is slated to pitch here Sunday afternoon against either "Lefty" McKinnis or Johnny Markham of the Black Barons. Martinez and Dave ("Impo") Barnhill, pitcher, who is one of the American colored stars on the New York team, were among three Eastern players the Pittsburgh Pirates considered giving tryouts last Fall.

The Black Barons who romped through to a victory over the Kansas City Monarchs in the first half of the pennant race in the Negro American League have been the real sensations of Negro major league baseball this year. They hold the loop record for consecutive victories, and have vanquished the famous Satchel Paige of the Monarchs every time they have gone against him this year. This means that Birmingham will get a 50-50 look at the post-season playoffs, no matter how the clubs come out in the second half, but at the moment it appears as if the Black Barons might gain undisputed claim to the championship without any play-off, especially insofar as the American League is concerned.

Despite the loss of their ace pitching star, Dan Bankhead to the armed forces, they have come up this season with the greatest team ever to represent Birmingham. Lefty McKinnis, Busie Markham and Al Newberry have been going great guns for Rickwood's defenders in the second half, as well as in the first half.

Manager Welch stated Saturday that a play-off would be held with Birmingham getting a 50-50 share of the games, either in American League or National League competition. He has managed to keep in the ranks in spite of demands by the war, such dependables as Tommy Sampson, Paul Hardy, Saylor and Walker, and has added new luminaries to the lineup who helped him crash his way to the pennant in the first half.

The Worker
New York, N. Y.

Asks All-Star Negro-White Relief Game

JUN 28 1943

"Commissioner Landis, how would you like to bring your 1943 All-Star team to New York to play Satchel Paige & Co?" asked Stanley Woodward yesterday in the Herald Tribune.

Mr. Woodward, columnist for the Herald Tribune, suggested that the game be played for the benefit of the USO and his own newspaper's charity for underprivileged children, the Fresh Air Fund.

Here's part of Mr. Woodward's interview with the famous Negro star:

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"Though Satchel Paige claims he is only 34 years old, and looks younger, it is obvious that he cannot go up and down the country pitching daily baseball forever. Apparently he has got to the point where he knows it, and before he hangs up his glove he wants one thing to happen: a game between a Negro All-Star team and one comprising the best of the white major leagues. And he wants to pitch for the dark contingent.

"Satchel talked about his obsession in the office of the New York Herald Tribune the other day.

"'I would like to pitch against the best white club that could be put on the field,' he said. 'I want to see how hard they can hit me and I want to see how many I can make hit like I want to.'

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"There has been a lot of talk about colored players in the white major leagues and a lot of talk about how the colored boys would compare. I think we ought to have that showdown and get it off our chest. Baseball is the only big sport in which there has been no test between the best white and colored players.

"'I would like to play against that white All-Star team and if the game ever comes off, that's the team they're gonna have to play against us.'

"'If I could just know today, say Sunday, that I didn't have to pitch again till Wednesday, then I could really let it go. These white boys don't work so hard. They pitch maybe every four or five days. They would be easy for me. If I could do that, I would bear down all the time. The way it is now I just have to go along as easy as I can and lay for the big hitters.

"I can't change with the white boys for myself. They could give the money to the Army or Navy or anybody, just so's we could have that showdown I was speaking of.'

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'How would Judge Landis like to bring his 1943 All-Star team to New York to play Satchel & Co., for the Tribune Fresh Air Fund and the U. S. O.?"

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

SIX CHICAGOANS PICKED ON NEGRO ALL-STAR SQUAD

JUL 25 1943

The Chicago American Giants with six players selected, will top the Negro American league in representation in the 11th annual Negro East-West all-star baseball game in Comiskey park next Sunday. The American leaguers will be representing the west against the east team, made up of players from the seven clubs comprising the Negro National league. Selection of the players was the result of a nation-wide poll.

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The Chicago club landed Pitcher Gentry Jessup, Catcher Ted Radcliffe, First Baseman Ed Young, Shortstop Ralph Wyatt, Third Baseman Alec Radcliffe, and Outfielder Lloyd Davenport on the west team.

Paige Is Most Popular.

The Kansas City Monarchs, league champions the last four years, placed four men, including Pitcher Leroy [Satchel] Paige, who led all players in both leagues by a wide margin in votes received. The Memphis Red Sox also received four places, while the Birmingham Black Barons placed three men and the Cincinnati Clowns two.

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Actually, the Monarchs headed the poll with six players named, but two of their men—First Baseman Buck O'Neil and Pitcher Hilton Smith — were omitted from the squad because of illness. Young of Chicago was substituted for O'Neil and the veteran Porter Moss of Memphis for Smith.

West Squad Personnel.

The west will be seeking to end the east's three year winning streak, which has given the latter a 6 to 4 edge in the series. The west squad follows:

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Pitchers—Satchel Paige, Kansas City; Theolic Smith, Cleveland; Willis, Birmingham; Gentry Jessup, Chicago; Porter Moss, Memphis.
Catchers—Larry Brown, Memphis; Paul Hardy, Birmingham; Ted Radcliffe, Chicago.
First basemen—Ed Young, Chicago; Reece Tatum, Cincinnati.
Second basemen—Tommy Sampson, Birmingham; Fred Bankhead, Memphis.
Shortstops—Jesse Williams, Kansas City; Ralph Wyatt, Chicago.
Third basemen—Parnell Woods, Cleveland; Alec Radcliffe, Chicago.
Outfielders—Willard Brown, Kansas City; Neil Robinson, Memphis; Fred Wilson, Cincinnati; Lloyd Davenport, Chicago; Howard Kyde, Memphis; Thad Christopher, Cleveland.
Manager—Frank Duncan, Kansas City.
Coach—W. S. Welch, Birmingham.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Kid Chocolate Loses Legs In North Africa

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Babyter truck company, he saw
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the roads, he stepped on a Ger-
saw service man land mine. He is now un-
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ammunition

Baby Kid Chocolate, whose real name is Travis A. P. Henry, was the victim of a German land mine in the North African campaign. Both of his legs were blown off at the knees.

SEEN PLENTY SERVICE

While walking around to survey the front lines. While on such missions, truck drivers had to be on the alert and ready with machine-guns to defend their supply lines.

Baby Kid Chocolate was driving in such a convoy on March 27. He stopped his truck to reconnoiter.

at Walter Reed Hospital, dream- which won high praise from ing of the prizefighting to which officers for carrying ammu

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Black Barons, Giants Stage Double Tussle At Rickwood Sunday

Buster Markham Due To Oppose Ex-Teammate, Jessup, In First Game

The Chicago American Giants, leading in the pennant chase for the second half of the Negro American League race, will meet the Black Barons in a double-header at Rickwood Field Sunday afternoon, the first game of the twin bill to start at 2 o'clock. W. S. Welch's boys, runners up in the first-half, are runners up in the fag-end battle of the pennant race. If they could wrest two victories from the Windy City aggregation Sunday they would go back on top in the second-half of the pennant race as well.

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While the two teams are battling at Rickwood, W. S. Welch, generalissimo of the Black Barons, will be out of town and getting a report on the Rickwood battlings by remote control. The boss of the Black Barons will be away attending the annual East-West conflict and serving on the board of strategy in that affair for the third consecutive season.

While local Negro baseball fans were a bit disappointed in Rickwood's defenders, when they dropped a series to the invading New York Cuban Stars, they at least had the satisfaction of knowing that the Antilleges Aggressors were in the Negro National League and what they did to the Black Barons wouldn't effect the pennant standings of the Welchmen one iota.

Double-duty Radcliffe, former Black Baron, is the man in charge of the Chicago invaders. He had the opportunity of becoming manager of that aggregation during the Winter months because of the resignation of Candy Jim Taylor. Welch, upon learning of the proffered promotion, immediately traded D. D. to the Chicago Giants. He gathered a galaxy of stars in the first half of the pennant race, which his former teammates won, and since the second half got going he has had his team out in front.

Welch, before leaving, made a switch in his batting order for the Sunday twin bill. The Black Barons will take the field in the following order Sunday afternoon: Mooney, ss.; Spearman, rf.; Dunn, lf.; Steel, cf.; Davis, 2b.; Walker, 3b.; Beel, c.; Saylor, 1b., and Buster Markham, pitcher. The hurling selection for the second game by the Black Barons will be Newberry, former star of the Negro Industrial League, who has already won his spurs as a major leaguer.

Double-duty Radcliffe, arriving in Birmingham Saturday afternoon announced the following lineup for his Chicago team: Wyatt, ss.; Davenport, cf.; Pington, 3b.; Young, 1b.; A. Radcliffe, 3b.; Smith, rf.; Bissant, lf.; Double-Duty Radclife, catcher, and Jessup, a former Black Baron, pitcher for the first game of the double feature.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

BIVINS IS NAMED TITLE CONTENDER

White Also Listed in N. B. A. Ratings — Mauriello, Savold and Thompson in Rankings

JUL 21 1943

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland was named a logical contender for Sgt. Joe Louis' heavyweight crown and Slugger White of Baltimore moved into the already-muddled lightweight picture in new quarterly ratings announced today by the National Boxing Association.

JUL 21 1943

Boxers serving in the armed forces dominate the 10 Division champions whose titles N. B. A. has "frozen" for the duration include Louis of the Army, Light-Heavyweight Gus Lesnevich of the Coast Guard and Middleweight Tony Zale and Welterweight Freddie Cochran of the Navy.

Bivins, ranked in the heavyweight class for the first time, was rated behind Billy Conn and Melio Bettina, both of the Army, as a heavyweight contender.

Following Bivins were the "outstanding boxers," Tami Mauriello of New York, Lee Savold of Des Moines, Iowa, and Turkey Thompson of Los Angeles.

The lightweight crown was left vacant. President Abe J. Greene of the N. B. A. said however, that he hoped to establish an undisputed titleholder soon by bringing about a clash between Sammy Angott, retired champion, and Bob Montgomery, New York - recognized lightweight king. White and Beau Jack, former New York champion, figure prominently in the picture, Greene said.

Henry Armstrong, only man ever to wear three boxing crowns at the same time, who now is embarked on another comeback campaign, was listed as a contender for Cochran's title.

The N. B. A. made few changes in its listings. Practically all of the contenders and outstanding boxers, as well as those with the honorable mention label, are ring veterans. Most of the youngsters who normally would make up the crop of promising ring prospects now are in uniform.

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Fights Armstrong, Both In Comebacks

Jacobs Expects Crowd Of 17,000 And Gate Of $75,000; Negro To Have One-Pound Edge

By United Press.

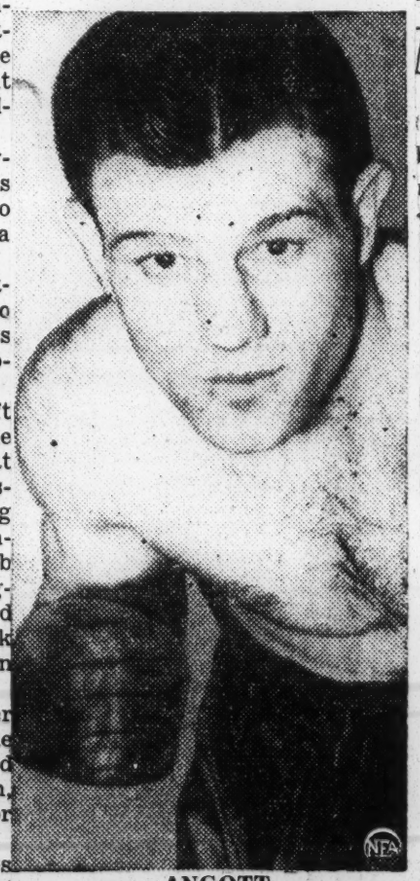
NEW YORK, June 11.—Henry Armstrong and Sammy Angott, two former lightweight champions, collide tonight when their comeback trails cross at Madison Square Garden—trails that beckon each back toward the throne.

JUN 12 1943

Angott, who gave up the crown last November because of bad hands, is favored at 13-10 to win the 10-round bout. Late support for Slammin' Sam shifted the odds from their original 7-5 favoring Armstrong.

Armstrong, the little perpetual-motion man, was the only boxer in ring history ever to wear three crowns simultaneously — feather, lightweight and welter—and he has rung up the most notable comeback drive in the history of the lighter divisions.

Armstrong retired from the ring in January, 1941, after being beaten twice by Fritzie Zivic. His handlers feared additional punishment to his eyes might result in blindness. Hurricane Hank started fighting again,



ANGOTT

just a year ago. Since then he has engaged in 22 bouts, winning 19 of them, 14 by knockouts. He lost disputed decisions to Reuben Shank, Willie Joyce and Beau Jack. Thus far, he has attracted a total of about $425,000 in gates.

Tonight's winner is virtually assured of an ultimate meeting with the lightweight champion, Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia. Montgomery must give Beau Jack a return shot at the title, however, before meeting any challenger.

Angott and Armstrong are coming in over the 135-pound limit tonight since they have a weight agreement which permits 140 pounds. Armstrong is expected to scale about 138, and Angott one pound less.

Promoter Mike Jacobs expects a crowd of 17,000 and a gate of at least $75,000.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Satchel Paige To Pitch Here Next Tuesday

AUG 5 1943

Leroy (Satchelfoot) Paige, kingbee of all colored pitchers, will represent the world champion Kansas City Monarchs in an 8:30 o'clock stand against the Washington Homestead Grays next Tuesday at Griffith Stadium.

Paige has turned in three of the finest performances of his career recently while turnnig in 11 consecutive innings of hitless and runless ball in rotations of five and three innings, respectively.

Paige pitched no-hit, no-run ball for five innings against the Memphis Red Sox as 24,000 persons turned out for "Satchel Paige Day" at Wrigley Field, Chicago. Last Sunday before 51,723—he was credited with the 2-to-1 victory the Western All Stars won over the East in the Negro All-Star Game at Comiskey Park.

AUG 9 1943

The World Champion Monarchs and National Negro League-leading Homestead Grays split two games in Kansas City's last appearance in June, the Grays hammering out a decision over Paige.

PM
New York, N. Y.

—*By Joe Cummiskey:*—

. . . Ol' Satch Comes Back . . . A New Tout Story

A race meeting scheduled for June 13 at Dusseldorf in Eastern Naziland, was cancelled that day for "technical reasons." Technical is right: the RAF dropped 2000 tons of technicalities two days before. . . . Baseball fans felt the full weight of martial law in Detroit last twilight when the game between Detroit and the Indians was postponed. . . . I wonder what a certain fellow in the Army now thinks of the city that idolized him in his climb to the top. I refer, of course, to Sgt. Joe Louis of Detroit. . . . There's no outstanding two-year-old performing around these parts this season but Chicago has two: Occupy and Oglethorpe.

JUN 22 1943

Hollywood Park may operate in the Fall and if so, it will give Southern California fans the first chance to see the horses run since the dimout at Santa Anita. . . . When ol' Satchel Paige, the great Negro pitcher, comes to Yankee Stadium Sunday to pitch against the New York Cubans it will be his 11th appearance [illegible]. His record here is seven victories, two losses, one tie. The tie game marked his New York debut in 1934 when he pitched an 11-inning 1-1 battle with the late Slim Jones of the Philadelphia Stars, before a crowd of 30,000 fans—largest ever to see a Negro game in NYC. In '38, he beat a team of white stars led by Dizzy and Paul Dean 9-3, and last year twice beat the Cubans. The Satch admits to 36 years of age and calls this his 19th season in baseball. He's nowhere as fast as he once was when Bill Dickey and Durocher and other capable judges called him the best they'd ever seen. He insists, though, he's smarter now. "Now," he says, "I'm more head and less arm." He'll be worth a look-see.

JUN 23 1943

I think it's time somebody stepped front and center and took a long, sweeping bow to little Greg Rice, who lost the 5000-meter race to Gunder Hagg Sunday last. Now that he isn't going to be able to tangle with the big Swede again, isn't Greg deserving of the lowest bow possible for the way he brought it off: with mouth shut and no alibi? I think so, and so here's to you, Greg. You're greater in defeat than you ever were in victory—and Mister, that takes a bit of being greater.

JUN 22 1943

That lo[illegible] double-talk and snafu you'll be hearing on Long Island Sunday afternoon will be the Sports Broadcasters Assn. tangling with the Manhasset Stars in a War Bond softball game. Guys like Husing, Lomax, Dunphy, Taub, Allen, Glickman, Lee and Dolan will be in the lineup—if they can get them to stoplose in that first race. I tellya, he'll win talking long enough to announce the line-it a mile." The good doctor, showing his radio folk to many things—including this window, his man touched him on the latest tout story, hot from the rail at Aqueduct. This tout came up to a certain shoulder: "Hey, doc," he said, "Bet my ups. P. S. Make mine Manhasset. $10 to show, willya?" But don't get me appreciation, said "Okay, I'll bet $25 to win and you get $10 going for yourself." doctor, whom we'll call Elmer Amerman, wrong, fellas. I love touts.

JUN 23 1943

This hot weather has a way of exposing folk to many things—including the doctor moved to the mutuel

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Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois



TUSKEGEE BOXING TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP — The "Bent Beezers club of the Tuskegee Army Air Field boasts an impressive record in service boxing circles. The trophy in the picture was acquired recently when the Tuskegee fighters won the Inter-Post championship before 12,000 frenzied fans at Doughboy Stadium, Ft. Benning, Ga. Shown in the picture from left to right are: First row, Sgt. George Reed of Newark, N. J.; Pfc. Tommy "Trader" Horne, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Sgt. Ed Perry, former Golden Gloves champ from Detroit, Mich.; Pfc. Bill Mayberry, St. Louis, Mo., and S-Sgt. Nelson Wright, New York City. (Seated) Pfc. Edward Clemmons, Milwaukee, Wis.; S-Sgt. Tony Jones, Champaign, Ill., and Pfc. John "One Punch" Knox of Milwaukee, Wis. (Back row) Lt. Eldridge Williams, physical training officer, Kansas City, Kansas; Sgt. Leroy Boston, New York City; [illegible] Mabra, Springfield, Ohio; Cpl. Bob Mike, Steubenville, Ohio, and Captain Clarence Jones, promoter. Capt. Jones, former captain of Wilberforce university's football and boxing teams, is a native of Philadelphia, having formerly been on the police force there.—Photo by Tuskegee Army Air Field.

GO ON, GO ON!

A Colored Boy Beat Harvard and Yale; He Had the Will to Win!

BY JOSEPH D. BIBB

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

A FLORID, POMPOUS-LOOKING, middle-ager, wrapped up in a raccoon overcoat, forgot that he was a Harvard graduate and stood up in the Harvard Stadium before thirty-eight thousand fans and wildly shrieked, "Go on black boy, Go on, black boy!" And the small, bronze-tinted Fritz Pollard, super football player, went on. He, who had been hailed as the "human corkscrew," who ran with his body slanted to an almost impossible angle, dashed on with incredible speed and skill through Percy Haughton's great Harvard team. Pollard, almost single - handedly, licked fair Harvard that cold November day,





Mr. Bibb

and when he left the field during the dying minutes of that memorable game, the 38,000 spectators arose spontaneously and acclaimed the mercurial athlete, as they chorused in unison "Go On Black Boy!"

BROKE DOWN MUCH COLOR PREJUDICE

Pollard and the sparkling members of the brilliant Brown university team hastened on to New Haven, the next Saturday, and again the human corkscrew brought down the plaudits of the Yale Bowl, as he trampled all over the Eli's bull dog and humbled the big blue team. The name of Pollard was flashed on the front pages of the nation's newspapers. Walter Camp and all of the other experts pronounced him All-American.

WHEN Pollard carried the mail, he eclipsed and surpassed all of his competitors, broke down color prejudice and smoothed over many rough spots in the path of his fellows. It has been proved, time and time again, that the white world will occasionally rise up and impassionately agree that the colored boy should go [illegible]

MUST BE THE BEST TO WIN PLAUDITS

Superlative efforts in the game of life, presented before the peering and gazing eyes of the populace, are bound to win recognition. Pollard related to this scribe that they giggled at and scorned him when he went out for the Brown team. "They even refused to let me get into a suit," he said. But after a few days he was given a break with the scrubs and proceeded to rip through the varsity's tackles, to cross the goal line. By supreme ability and dogged determination, he won his place in the sun and the good will of the easterners, who cried for the black boy to go on.

IN ORDER to gain the good will and the support of white Americans, of good will, the colored American must be a standout. Almost all decisions are called against the colored man, when the game is close. He seldom gets a draw. This writer has been engaged in the attempt to drill this into the thinking of his fellows for a long time. Whatever the colored American does, he must do better than the white man, if he hopes to break down barriers. As a rule, the white boys don't block and run interference for the dark boys, either on the gridiron nor on the battle fields of life. He must "tread the wine press alone." Joe Louis had to almost beat the brains out of opponents from the four corners of the earth before he became champion. From the world of sport a deadly parallel can be drawn. Mediocrity does not pay high dividends. In order to win and conquer, the colored contender must be geared to the highest degree of competitive fervor.

KNUTE ROCKNE GAVE GOOD ADVICE

Whatever the darker American does, he must do better than the white man, before he wins favor and is told to go on. Wherever the fortunes of this war have cast us, in whatever category or vicissitude, we must do our jobs just a bit better in order to galvanize the forces of good will behind us. If Pollard had sulked and pouted on the side lines, his name would have never been written in the annals of sport. It is the spirit to win that counts.

KNUTE ROCKNE used to tell his boys that he did not give a snap of the fingers for a "good loser." The great coach, who declared that he was building up manhood on the athletic fields, felt that one who loses must be aroused and fired to come back and win. He developed great competitors. A good competitor must know how to absorb punishment and then come back, enraged, to win by a knockout, as Joe Louis did in his second conflict with Max Schmeling.

THE WILL TO WIN WILL TRIUMPH

Things are happening to the darker Americans that will break their spirit and destroy their morale, if they permit it, but "ambition should be made of sterner stuff." The will to win must not be broken down and so we have a game to play and a battle to win. We are young, virile and strong, we are fast and tough. Before we are through, we may make them shout for us and yell, "Go On, Black Boy."

Names Five Negro Baseball Leaguers and Four From American Loop on All-American Baseball Team for The Courier

By CUM POSEY

The 1943 baseball season was one of the most [illegible]ofitable and interesting of any during the past decade. The Homestead Grays won the world championship of baseball by defeating the Birmingham Black Barons and thereby won the coveted crown which they had lost to Kansas City the year before.

It isn't easy to pick the best all-around baseball team in Negro baseball because of so many outstanding players in both the Negro American and National leagues. While there may have been nine men whom I thought had an edge over the other players, I have seen all the outstanding players in Negro baseball during the past year and after giving each one due consideration, I have con-and manager of the Chicago American Giants, did a commendable job the past season and was probably Gibson's greatest rival.

Pitchers:

Satchel Paige — Still the best pitcher in Negro baseball, Leroy "Satchel" Paige had another good year pitching for the Kansas City

Here's the "Dream Team" for the 1943 Season

JOSH GIBSON	Catcher — HOMESTEAD GRAYS
SATCHEL PAIGE	Pitcher — KANSAS CITY
BUCK LEONARD	First Base — HOMESTEAD GRAYS
TOM SAMPSON	Second Base — BIRMINGHAM
HOWARD EASTERLING	Third Base — HOMESTEAD GRAYS
JESSE WILLIAMS	Shortstop — KANSAS CITY
WILLARD BROWN	Left Field — KANSAS CITY
JERRY BENJAMIN	Center Field — HOMESTEAD GRAYS
JOHN DAVIS	Right Field — NEWARK EAGLES
MANAGER, JIM TAYLOR, HOMESTEAD GRAYS	

FAMOUS CATCHER AND PITCHER SELECTED ON POSEY'S 'DREAM TEAM'

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

Monarchs of the Negro American league. Although he has had a long career, Paige is still effective in the pinches and the most feared pitcher in Negro baseball.

John Wright of the Grays was the best pitcher in the Negro National league, while Theolic Smith of Cleveland and Monty McGinnis of Birmingham were standouts in the American. Edsel Walker, Barney Brown and Verdel Mathis also rated high in mound work.

First Basemen:

Buck Leonard—One of the greatest clutch hitters in Negro baseball, Leonard came back sensationally this year and was by far the best first sacker in the business. He was even better than O'Neil of Kansas City, Pearson of Newark and Ware of Cleveland, all three of whom are tops around the initial sack.

Second Basemen:

Tommy Sampson—The best second baseman the Negro American league has had in many years. He gets the nod over Doby of Newark and Sorrell of Kansas City because he was a very dangerous hitter and a great fielder. His playing did much to enable Birmingham to win the pennant.

Third Basemen:

Howard Easterling—Although he is a natural second baseman, Easterling played third for the Homestead Grays and was outstanding all year. He rates a bit better than Alex Radcliffe of Chicago, Carter of Memphis and Woods of Cleveland.

Shortstops:

Jesse Williams—One of the best fielding shortstops in baseball, Williams played great ball for Kansas City. He is a dead hitter and a great competitive player. Horacio Martinez of the Cubans was tops in the National league, with Bankhead, Grays; Davis, Birmingham, and Horne of Cleveland following in that order.

Outfielders:

Willard Brown, Jerry Benjamin and John Davis—Three great outfielders, all of whom could hit the ball and field with the best. Brown played for Kansas City, Benjamin for the Grays and Davis for Newark.

We realize that there is a lot of room for argument here because McLaurin of Birmingham, Jethroe of Cleveland, Wilson of Cincinnati, Robinson of Memphis, Pearson of Newark and Pennington of Chicago were also outstanding. However, we believe these three men would do a complete job on our "dream" team.

Managers:

Jim Taylor—By shrewd leadership and baseball knowledge Candy Jim Taylor piloted the Homestead Grays to the Negro National league pennant and then the world championship. He handled his team with the skill of an artist and developed John Wright to the point that the Grays counted solely upon him to bring home the bacon in crucial games.

W. S. Welch of Birmingham did a great job as did Fernandez of the Cubans and Woods of Cleveland.

"SMITTY'S"

Sports Spurts

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By WENDELL SMITH

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa



Negro Owners Must Prepare for the Future

I am firmly convinced that the time has come for owners of Negro baseball teams to settle down and start operating on a sound business basis. If there was ever a time for these men to start figuring and planning for the future, it is now. Perhaps they can't see it, but the fact remains that their teams, and especially their players, are potential markets for the big leagues. No one knows when the majors will drop the color barrier and decide to admit Negro players. Perhaps this will never come to pass, but it is more than likely it will happen in the not so distant future. If and when this does happen the Negro players selected will by necessity come from the ranks of organized Negro baseball. Consequently, it seems to me, it would be wise for owners of teams in the Negro American and National leagues to stabilize themselves to the extent that they will be able to realize a financial profit if they are forced to give up some of their players.

Some people in Negro baseball have been arguing that the major leagues will not drop their time-worn barrier. That, however, is a matter of speculation. No one knows what will hoppen. The draft is taking a terrific toll in the majors and there is the possibility that some of the teams in the big leagues, mainly as a means of self-preservation, will seek to solve the problem by daringly signing up some Negro players. As they operate now, the Negro owners are in no position to bargain with major league teams for their players. The Negro owners will have to accept whatever they are offered. In fact, the major leagues will be conceding a point if they recognize the claims of owners of Negro teams. I say that because the business methods in the Negro American and National leagues are not up to par and it wouldn't take much arguing on the part of a major league owner to prove that the two Negro leagues aren't really organized.

And, if the Negro leagues aren't organized, then a major league owner is in no way compelled to recognize the contracts and agreements which ordinarily apply to trades and sales of ball players.

That kind of reasoning may seem far-fetched to some Negro owners. They can't, however, escape the fact that they are a potential market for the majors. That fact alone should be enough to inspire them to tighten the business strings within their organizations and prepare for the future.

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Past Season Greatest in History

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Even more important than the major league threat is the fact that Negro baseball enjoyed its greatest financial year in 1943. I believe I am safe in saying that every team in organized Negro baseball, with the possible exception of one, realized a profit of at least five thousand dollars in 1943. At least three teams went over the fifteen-thousand-dollar mark. When that kind of profit is realized it automatically becomes a big business issue. There is no doubt about it, Negro baseball has now attained the "big business" classification. It has passed the stage of being merely a sport or a hobby.

On the basis of the money made during the 1943 season, it seems to me that the owners should plan and prepare to protect such a profitable business; that they should concern themselves with a long range program designed to bring them even larger profits in the future. Sound business tactics will assure them of profits in years when the country has returned to normal. These are exceptional times. The public is willing to spend freely now. But this prosperity is not going to last. After the war, when we return to normalcy, it will take shrewd manipulation and sound business to continue operating.

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Should Develop A Post-War Program

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Sunday afternoon in Chicago the Negro American league will hold its annual winter meeting. It would be a wise move, I think, if these owners would turn their attention to a post-war program, designed to protect their interests and investments in the future. The Negro American league is blessed with a corps of men who have the financial means to remain in baseball for many years. None of them, however, is willing to go on forever without getting some of the money back that they have invested. At the present time they are enjoying financial success and realizing a profit. However, I am sure past experience has taught them that baseball is a difficult business to be in when prosperity is at a low ebb.

Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American league, is a good business man. He also has the help and co-operation of such capable men as Ernest Wright of Cleveland, Dr. B. B. Martin of Memphis; Tom Baird of Kansas City; Abe Saperstein and Tom Hayes of Birmingham and a number of others. It seems to me that such a group of men would have the foresight to look ahead and realize that sound, practical business is the only assurance for a continuation of the success they are now enjoying.

1943 All-CIAA Team

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FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Hometown	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Yr.
E	Bobby Mann	Hampton	Newbern, N. C.	19	169	5'11	Jr.
E	Roy Gearing	A. and T.	E. Chicago, Ind.	21	170	6' 1	Sr.
T	Clarence Gaines	Morgan	Paducah, Ky.	20	240	6' 4	Jr.
T	Melvin Ferebee	Va. State	Norfolk, Va.	20	193	5' 9	Jr.
G	Elbie Fletcher	Smith	Elizabeth, N. J.	21	185	5' 7	Sr.
G	Dan Battle	Va. State	Richmond, Va.	19	176	5' 7	So.
C	Blair Couch	Morgan	Brooklyn, N. Y.	22	190	5'10	Jr.
QB	Bob King	Hampton	Dayton, Ohio	21	180	5' 8	Sr.
LHB	Tom Casey	Hampton	Wall, Pa.	19	155	5'11	So.
RHB	Cal Irving	Morgan	Orange, N. J.	19	170	5'10	So.
FB	Fred Burgess	Morgan	Red Bank, N. J.	20	175	5' 8	So.

SECOND TEAM	Pos.	THIRD TEAM
Preston Grimsley, Morgan	E	Bob Davis, West Virginia
John Bailey, Hampton	E	James Fisher, J. C. Smith
Jim Wilson, Hampton	T	John Bean, Hampton
John Chase, Smith	T	James Meekings, Va. State
Bill Saunders, A. and T.	G	Viggo Wallace, Hampton
Henry McIntosh, Hampton	G	Eugene Rahming, Morgan
Saunders Chase, Hampton	C	Anthony James, Va. State
Terry Day, Morgan	B	Luther Thomas, Morgan
Charles Weaver, A. and T.	B	Simpson Dickens, Smith
Elmore Harris, Morgan	B	Hubert Doub, A. and T.
Dick Salters, Va. State	B	Willis Powell, A. and T.

HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS: Moore, Morgan; Titus, West Va.; Hamlar, Va. State; Lewis, A. and T.

TACKLES: Redmond, Morgan; Fikes, A. and T.; Coles, West Virginia.

GUARDS: Frazier, Morgan; Causi Estko, Hampton; Blakely, Va. State; Williams, Morgan.

CENTERS: Baker, Smith; Washington, A. and T.; Huston, West Virginia.

BACKS: Bryant, A. and T.; Lovett, Dismond and Watkins, Hampton; Porter, Price and Freeman, Va. State; Brown and Petty, Smith; and Christian and Pleasant, West Virginia.

California Athlete In Army

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

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Rangy Tom Berkeley, ex-UCLA athlete, now an Oakland attorney, enters the Army Tuesday, inducted from Oakland where he has made his home since graduation from the University of California law school.

Practicing law for the past six months, as a member of the firm of Bussey, Vaughns and Berkeley, the ex-Southern California athlete declared on a visit to Los Angeles this week that he will seek service in the Judge Advocate's department of the armed service in order to use his legal training.

Former star athlete and honor student at Fullerton High school and junior college, where he grew up, Berkeley later attended UCLA where he was a brilliant student and excellent athlete, playing basketball and track. After attending law school at Berkeley, he passed the bar, reportedly the first Negro to pass it on a first trial in over 10 years.

Oddly enough Berkeley was coached by his law partner, John W. Bussey, well known in that capacity in the North. Bussey, each year coaches 50 to 75 students. The remaining partner in the firm is George R. Vaughns, prominent California Mason.

Montgomery Wins Easy Decision Over Fritzie Zivic In Philly

Journal and Guide

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A huge crowd of 21,452 turned out at Shibe Park Monday night to see Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery turn back the bid of the veteran Fritzie Zivic in ten rounds of frantic fighting. The bout featured plenty of terrific infighting with Montgomery matching the efforts of the clever Zivic in that department.

Zivic held a six pound edge in the weights, coming in at 144 as against 138 for Montgomery. Zivic's weight placed him in the welterweight bracket but the difference did not mean much to Montgomery who waded in close and bested the pride of Pittsburgh with vicious body punches and ripping blows to the head.

BOB LEARNS FAST

Montgomery dropped the first frame to his adversary but during that round he doped out the Zivic technique. From then on, the champion was master of the situation through the fifth. In the sixth, Zivic changed tactics, adopting the long-range system but Montgomery soon got wise to this shift and proved that he could handle Fritzie even at the long range game.

After taking the first round, Zivic garnered the ninth and tenth to total three rounds. With the sixth being even, Montgomery had six rounds on the final count. The final rally which Zivic staged when he saw that he had to score a knockout to win, enlivened the fight. However, his efforts were too little and too late as the Bobcat walked off with the honors.

The fans paid $60,924 to see the bruising battle.

Robinson Wins at Own Will

Kansas City Call

Crowd Booes Displeasure at Backward Race

Norfolk, Virginia

Kansas City, Mo.

NEW YORK — The great "Hammer", Henry Armstrong bowed out of the ring for the last time Friday night, but not in a blaze of glory as he went 10-torrid (for him) rounds with Ray Robinson, the Harlem Express.

Robinson won the match at his own speed as he pushed or pulled the throttle at will. Indeed, it seemed that Robinson was toying around so as not to hurt Armstrong anymore than absolutely necessary. So evident was Robinson's superiority that the crowd of 15,000 booed Armstrong, who used to get shouts even when he was behind.

Armstrong admitted that he looked bad in the ring, but blamed it on Robinson's style of fighting. Robinson kept out of harm's way by retreating and only came in when he wanted to slug at Armstrong. Armstrong said that he would have preferred an infight where he could have fought toe-to-toe with Robinson.

Armstrong at 32, was certainly no match for youthful Ray Robinson, who hammered and slung (when he wanted to) plenty leather at the one-time Hurricane. Armstrong was no Hurricane Friday night, as the only wind-connection was that of Robinson's flying fists.

At a four-to-one favorite the crowd wanted to see Robinson mix it with Armstrong, and booed its displeasure when they did not.

Armstrong chased Robinson all the way, and Robinson also held a five-pound weight advantage over Armstrong, and was ahead all the way.

Armstrong announced he would hang up his gloves immediately after the decision was announced. He has made nearly $200,000 since beginning his comeback try. His clash with Robinson was his 25th in his comeback. Armstrong had only dropped two decisions after hopping back into the ring.

Armstrong will manage Cecil Hudson he announced. He will return to his home on the West Coast as soon as possible.

"I'm through," said Armstrong.

Robinson joined Sgt. Joe Louis for a tour of army camps.

TUSKEGEE VS. 'FORCE GAME HERE OCT. 29

Chicago, Ill.

Defender

The annual football game between Tuskegee institute and Wilberforce university will be played at Comiskey park, according to present arrangements, on Friday night, October 29. This announcement comes from both Tuskegee institute and Wilberforce university.

Capt. R. S. Darnaby of Tuskegee and Prof. Isaac Lane of Wilberforce arrived in the city Tuesday to sign contracts for the use of the field.

For years, South side fans have complained about going to Soldier field. In the first place, the fans claimed they had no protection in case of rain. They also added that it was too much trouble to get to and fro mthe field on the lake front. Now that gasoline is rationed, it becomes doubly hard and taxi rates are such that the game will cost an individual too much.

Recently Major Cleve Abbott, director of athletics at Tuskegee, was sold on the "Comiskey Park idea" after witnessing the College All Stars vs. Washington battle at Dyche stadium in Evanston.

As guest of the Chicago Defender Sports editor, Major Abbott clearly saw that Dyche stadium afforded a better view than the spacious Soldier Field plus the lighting was better.

Plenty of Light

It was pointed out to the Tuskegee grid mentor that Comiskey park had a great lighting system, afforded protection to the fans in event of rain, was closer to the Negro residential district and was within easy reach by elevated or surface lines and by automobile.

A conference was held with Harry Grabiner, vice president of the White Sox baseball team and Park manager. Later both Capt. Darnaby and Prof. Lane conferred with the White Sox official.

The Chicago Defender sports editor, always interested in the game but also interested in the welfare of the fans, contended for a game Sunday afternoon which would give many people who are busily engaged in defense work a chance to see the two teams in action. This suggestion met with the approval of some members of the athletic committees of both schools but Wilberforce being both a church school and a state institution didn't want to be censured for playing on Sunday although it was pointed out that many big schools in the East were playing one or more Sunday games.

Now that the site for the game is settled on and the game assured, fans are patiently waiting for tickets to be printed. Box seats in Comiskey park will afford much better view and one can leave his or her seat and return.

Tuskegee started off the season with a 12 to 0 victory over the strong Fort Benning soldier eleven and tied Morris Brown 0 to 0.

SENGSTACKE TO LANDIS

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md

Accept Colored in Organized Baseball

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Statement given before joint session of American and National Leagues in New York by John H. Sengstacke, president, Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association, on the admission of colored players in major baseball organizations. Judge Kenesaw M. Landis presiding.]

By JOHN H. SENGSTACKE

"We believe you know something about colored persons in baseball and that, to some extent, you share with us a sense of the moral wrong which is being done to a group of America's citizens and to the national unity.

"Fundamentally, certain practices which now exist, set the colored man apart as a different type of citizen. This is not only unjust so far as the colored American is concerned, but as you can readily see, the practice establishes a dangerous and insidious precedent respecting the status of any of our citizens.

"If any great American organization establishes barriers either for or against any class of citizens, the security of all classes is placed in constant and potential jeopardy. Such license strikes at the very heart of democracy.

Should Have Equal Chance

"We believe the colored man should be used in baseball on exactly the same basis as any other American citizen.

"This restriction places on the colored youth a deep sense of frustration and shatters his morale. It does more. It invests thousands of American boys whose education and experience have led them to believe that the colored man is an equal citizen with a new concept, officially created, of their fellow citizens.

"This concept is of an inferior and different citizen. Organized baseball's unwritten, but effective practice of exclusion against some players because of their color helps to spread the master race theory among Americans on a mass basis.

"We are living at a time when national unity must become the cloth of our democracy. The forces of hate, at home and abroad, are hard at work. But we do not believe they will ever succeed in selling racism to Americans on any basis.

"In the service of that belief we are seeking to facilitate, through all the avenues of democratic expression, the only answer that Americans everywhere must issue to the propagandists of dictatorship. That answer is—American citizenship

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"It is our belief that no organizations, truly representative of the American philosophy of fair play, can justify any bars, either psychological or real, which are predicated upon color, race, creed or national origin."

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Spirit of co-operation we are here to present our recommendations to your great body. We do this because your program, the Great American Pastime, reflects the free time of Baseball, reflects the free men that are

All Stars On Camp Lee Mixed Grid Team

Kansas City Call — Kansas City, Mo.

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CAMP LEE, Va. — Camp Lee will be represented on the gridiron this season by an interracial team that is fast, heavy, fast and experienced. The Quartermasters will appear on the field as good a service team as that of any post in the region. Three full elevens are working out under Lt. Marshall Spivey and his coaching staff.

All-stars of conferences throughout the country will be found on the squad. They include players from the Big Ten, Southern, Southwestern and Southeastern conferences, Ivy League, S. I. A. A. and others. In addition, there are several men with extensive semi-pro experience.

Varied Background

These varied backgrounds have been combined to mold a team with a fancy offensive. Starting with a double wingback, balanced line, the eleven will also use a single wingback and short punt from both a balanced and unbalanced line.

Lt. Bob Linderberg, former Minnesota guard who played 60-minute ball for the Ft. Warren QMs last season, is being worked at center by Line Coach Warren Casey. He will be spelled by David Hood, four letter man at Alabama A. and M.

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Franny Carroll of Holy Cross and a number of team-mates from Florida A. and M., Howard Gentry and Chester Rodgers, are being counted on for the heavy work at the guards. Hy Velkoff, who played with the Dodgers several years back after finishing up at C. C. N. Y., in helping tutor the the line, but may get into the game. Linderberg is also working out at these posts and may appear in the game at more than one position. All the candidates pack plenty of drive and are fast in their offensive and defensive assignments.

Strong Tackles

Tackles make or break a team. The Lee Quartermasters boast a powerhouse in this department. Jay Fidler received All-American honorable mention for his play at Brown. Al House was a regular with the Harrisburg, Pa., Trojans, recognized as National Negro semi-pro champs in 1941. The Southeastern conference contributes two men with "New Year's Day Bowl" experience. They are Mitchell Olenski, veteran of Alabama's Crimson Tide, and Jim Lewis, three-sport star from Georgia.

The ends are all speed kings, but they do not sacrifice any other qualifications for speed. They are tough on defense and can snare any pass thrown near them.

Alternating between end and wingback will be Barney Ewell, the track star who has worn Camp Lees' colors in recent months. He will be a threat as a pass receiver and as a punter.

Florida Stars

Two of Olanski's mates from Alabama, John Gresham and Andy Bires, are ends, Cherubino Petti, of La Salle college, and Hansel Tookes another Florida A. and M. man, are in this group.

The backs line up more than three deep and Coach Spivey will be able to keep them fresh throughout the game. The whole group is ready to go and will display a varied passing and running game. They have been interchanging positions during practices and can shift around from double to single wingback with facility.

They are Mike Castrilli, semi-pro; Sisi Great, semi-pro; Ralph Little, Kentucky; Joseph Ownes, Furman; William Pryor, North Carolina A and T; Earl Rowe, Akron U.; David Wolff, Howard; Joe Szur, Canisius, and Tom Turner, semi-pro.

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Tuskegee Gets 3 on All-American Team

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The National Women's Track and Field Committee in session at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States at Columbia, Ohio, recently selected an All-American team, the following stars, including three Tuskegee Institute girls, winning places:

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Stella Walsh, Cleveland, Ohio, 100- and 200-meter dashes and running broad jump;

Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute, 50-meter dash and running high jump;

Nancy Cowperthwaite, German-American Athletic Club, New York, 80-meter hurdles;

Frances Gorn, Cleveland, discuss throw, and eight-pound shot;

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Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, javelin;

Elaine Grothe, Chicago, baseball throw;

Stella Walsh, Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee Institute, and Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg (Penn.) Athletic Club, 400-meter relay.

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It is interesting to note that on the All-American 400-meter relay team Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison, and Jeanette Jones are colored and Stella Walsh, Polish.

Members of the Tuskegee women's track and field team participated in their first national championships in the final Olympic tryouts at Providence, R.I., July 4, 1936, and tied for second place with 15 points. Since then the team has participated in the following championships with results as indicated:

*1937—At Trenton, N.J.,	33 points
*1938—At Naugatuck, Conn.,	30 points
*1939—At Waterbury, Conn.,	33 points
*1940—At Ocean City, N.J.,	85 points
*1941—At Atlantic City, N.J. (indoor)	
*1941—At Ocean City, N.J.,	110 points
1942—At Ocean City, N.J.,	80 points
1943—At Cleveland, Ohio, Second place,	77⅓ points

* Won championships.

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Cub Prexy Wrigley To Hire Scout For Race Ball Clubs

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By FAY YOUNG
(Defender Sports Editor)

The inclusion of Negro ball players into white major league baseball may be a certainty — but how soon is another question.

Owner Phillip K. Wrigley of the Chicago National league baseball club this week told two members of the Chicago Committee for the Integration of Negroes into White Major League Baseball that the Chicago Cubs would hire a scout this spring for the sole purpose of getting first hand information on Negro ball players who may be used at some future date.

The members of the committee who talked to Wrigley were William P. Harrison, secretary, and William L. Patterson of the National Negro Congress and assistant director of the Abraham Lincoln School for Adult Education.

Wrigley made no promises to the representatives of the committee other than to say that he would scout Negro players. The hiring of such a scout is the job of Jim Gallagher, general manager of the Cubs.

Time Not Ripe

Gallagher has about 20 applications for scouts' jobs each spring and employs two or three. He has 50 such applications for jobs as coaches and hires only two.

"I don't see how you can keep them out," Mr. Wrigley said after the conference. "However, I don't think the time is ripe now. The middle of war isn't the spot to make such a departure from custom. I told them (meaning Harrison and Patterson) that we would not stick our necks out now.

"Baseball is not progressive. When everyone else finally adopts something new, then baseball accepts it. Baseball hesitates to break a custom whether it is using Negro players or removing the traditional sleeves out of uniforms."

In the conference besides Wrigley and Gallagher was Clarence Rowland, president of the Los Angeles Angels, the farm club of the Cubs. Rowland had told a committee who were seeking admission of Negroes in the coast league and on the Los Angeles club that he was not against hiring Negro ball players. His presence in the conference impressed Harrison and Patterson who believe "that some steps will be taken this season."

Gets List of Players

Wrigley said he planned no immediate employment of Negroes as ball players.

The question of whether the scout would be white or Negro was brought up with the two committeemen who suggested one of their own race because he would have better access to the scouted players' family background and past record.

Harrison handed Wrigley a list of players which included Josh Gibson, David Barnhill, Willard Brown, Verdel Mathis, Buck Leonard and others whom he felt could make the grade in white major league circles.

Wrigley doubted that they could and said he told Harrison as much.

"You don't start at the top in any business," Wrigley said, "and you don't go into any business without knowing something about it.

"Some say the woods are full of good Negro players while others say there aren't enough of them. We don't know. Therefore, we are going to find out."

May Use Trainers

In a talk with Gallagher he said that he felt Negro ball players would have to go through the same process that a white player does.

Another trend of thought was that Negroes might be hired in other capacities around ball parks, such as trainers.

Twenty-eight per cent of the Wrigley chewing gum company employees are Negroes, it is claimed. One factory worker for six years decided he had gone as far as he could with the company and resigned to study law. He sought employment in the personnel office and was given a chance. He has been there for more than a year.

Before he was given his position, Wrigley made it clear to him that he was not being taught the work to be a Negro personnel man. He was to be a personnel man trained by the Wrigley institution without any thought of his race being tied to it.

The Chicago Committee for the Integration of Negroes into White Major League baseball includes Bishop Bernard J. Shiel, C. Francis Stradford, former president of the Negro Bar association; Benjamin A. Grant, former alderman, and others. The committee has the endorsement of 80,000 CIO workers.

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Bowlers Open Season at Harlem Club



BOWLING ENTHUSIASTS opened the season recently at the Harlem Bowling Club, 125th Street and Lenox Ave., with the above group on hand for the activities. Clubs have been organized and at present, the following outfits are participating: Harlem Stars, Eagle Aces, Rexallites, Royals, 20th Century, Morningside, Dauntless and Sunsets. In the center is Earl (Father) Hines, orchestra leader, and also a bowling fan.

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At the Major League Meetings:

Negro Players Discussed for First Time by Baseball Men

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By C. E. Dexter

For the first time in organized baseball's history the name of Negro ball players as possible major league players were mentioned at the annual winter convention yesterday. Sylvio Martinez, Cuban shortstop, and Josh Gibson famed catcher, will certainly be given an opportunity to join big league ranks—provided that the leagues take action at Friday's joint meeting at the Hotel Commodore, when Paul Robeson and Negro publishers will plead for the lowering of the Jim Crow bars.

Because of a bitter internal struggle at yesterday's sessions at the New Yorker Hotel, no official statements were forthcoming from league or club officials. But one club official commented unofficially: "Judge Landis is about to bring the question into the open. He will toss it into the laps of the clubowners. And it's probable that because of the manpower shortage that replacements will be sought in the ranks of Negro players."

Chief interest was centered yesterday on the efforts of powerful major league chains to limit Judge Landis' authority over the minor leagues. The subject was not mentioned at the morning meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, major and minor leagues.

But it was the underlying factor in the bitter battle which took place previous to the re-election of William G. Bramham as president of the association, at an annual salary of $25,000.

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Bramham, who presided at the meeting, recognized 16 proxies representing 16 leagues which have suspended for the duration of the war. These proxies outvoted the active minor leagues, which are, in the main dominated by the Yankee, Cardinal, Red Sox, Cubs, Dodger and other chains. The latter clubs have tried to limit Landis' authority over the minors ever since he released hundreds of young ball players from chain clubs—claiming that they were being "covered up" by majors.

Bramham had previously ruled that he would recognize only the nine active leagues, six of which would have voted for Frank L. Shaughnessy, president of the International League as Association executive.

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Following Bramham's election, a rump meeting was held by the big minors. Threats were heard of possible recourse to the civil courts, but one big league executive remarked privately that the anti-Bramham, anti-Landis faction have no legal basis for a suit.

Among the new tid-bits of the day was the announcement that Herb Pennock, ex-Yankee pitcher will become active head of the Phillies, under the new Carpenter-duPont regime. Moose Solters, White Sox outfielder, was released to Milwaukee. And the Columbus Senators signed Frank Martin, a catcher formerly in the Dodger chain.

Billy Herman, Dodger second sack star, showed up, ostensibly for the purpose of talking salary with Branch Rickey. Herman, who was the best player in the National League, is seeking an increase in his $16,000 salary.

This morning, the minor league meeting will continue, as will the separate meetings of the National and American Leagues.

Robeson-Landis Meeting to Get Large Coverage

When Paul Robeson meets with Judge K. M. Landis Friday morning at the Hotel Roosevelt to present the case for Negro participation in major league baseball, the event will get as large newspaper coverage as almost any other event of the winter baseball meetings. The press will be at the hotel in large force as will photographers and newsreel men. . . . Robeson is in a splendid position to state the case for Negro athletes because he is one of the greatest athletes ever produced in the United States. He was an all-American football end at Rutgers in 1919.

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Major League Meeting Paves Way for Negroes

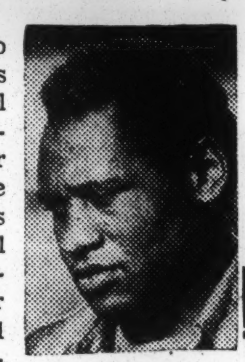
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By Nat Low

At a momentus meeting of the major leagues at their annual joint session yesterday at the Hotel Roosevelt under the chairmanship of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, paved the way for the immediate entrance of Negro players into organized baseball as well as the major leagues.

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Paul Robeson

The move to admit Negroes into baseball followed a dramatic two hour meeting of the magnates at which Paul Robeson, renowned singer and actor, and a delegation representing the Negro Publishers Association placed the issue before the magnates.

Robeson was a last minute addition to the joint meeting of the magnates, coming to speak at the insistence of the aged Landis who introduced him as a "great American, a great athlete and a great artist."

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LANDIS ISSUES OK

After Robeson and the Negro Publishers presented the case of the Negro players, the magnates discussed the question for more than an hour after which Landis issued this terse statement which will be the guide of all the teams in organized baseball:

"Each club is entitled to employ Negro players to any and all extents it desires. The matter is one solely for each club's decision without any restriction whatsoever."

This statement of policy from the governing body of baseball is the go ahead sign which can forever smash the vicious practice which has stained our [illegible] American Pastime.

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The Negro player question occupied first place on the agenda of this all-important meeting which was attended by the presidents, vice presidents and general managers of all the sixteen major league clubs.

Landis in introducing Robeson said:

"It is unnecessary to introduce Paul Robeson. Everybody knows him for what he's done as an athlete and an artist. I want to introduce him to you as a man of great common sense." Then, departing for a moment from the introduction to set the tone of the whole meeting, Landis firmly stated: **"I want to make it clear that there is not, never has been, and as long as I am**

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Following Robeson's epic speech, presented the plan which consists of the Negro Publishers Association, Ira Lewis of the Chicago Defender, spoke on the various aspects of the entrance of Negroes into baseball and set forth a four point plan for immediate acceptance. Howard Murphy, managing editor of the Baltimore Afro-American, presented the following recommendations:

"1. We urge that steps be taken to accept qualified Negro players in organized baseball. Each [illegible] which amazed veteran baseball men who have been covering baseball, there never has been any agreement among the teams or between any two teams, preventing Negroes from participating in organized baseball. Each manager is free to choose players regardless of race, color or any other condition."

Then, "Now Paul Robeson will speak to us," and the famed Negro artist arose to speak.

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ROBESON SPEAKS

Pittsburgh Courier

Following Robeson ended his impassioned three members of the plea for the immediate entrance of Negroes into baseball by declaring the best in the annual meetings for many years.

"I urge you to decide favorably on

"2. Such players should be regularly affiliated with organized baseball and be promoted without prejudice or discrimination from Class D to C, to B, to A, to AA leagues.

"3. Negro players should be selected from schools, colleges, sandlots and semi-pro organizations and introduced into organized baseball in the same manner as all other players.

"4. A joint statement should be issued by this joint meeting of the two major leagues indicating that Negro players are now eligible for trial and permanent placement on their teams."

The discussion of the magnates which followed the Robeson plea and the four recommendations lasted over an hour but was not made public.

Robeson, upon hearing of the statement issued from the meeting by Landis, hailed it as a significent step forward for our country. **"All America will commend Judge Landis and the magnates for this step in opening the way for the immediate signing of Negro players. This move is entirely in keeping with the progress of our nation in this war against the Axis. Its manifestations will be felt and heard in every part of the world."**

Also at the Hotel Roosevelt where the meeting took place was a delegation of prominent Negro and white New Yorkers, including: Councilmen A. Clayton Powell, Jr. and Peter V. Cacchione; Councilman-elect Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Father Champion of Brooklyn, Michael Quinn, Councilman-elect of the Bronx, Jack Arra of the Furriers Union, Samuel Patterson, Negro leader of the IWO, and many others.

Clubs Act Today On Negro Players

By Nat Low

The burning, nation-wide question of Negro participation in baseball may finally be resolved at the joint meeting of the major leagues at the Hotel Commodore today.

The long fight for Negroes in the major leagues will come to a dramatic climax this morning when Paul Robeson, a delegation representing the National Negro Publishers Association and another delegation of prominent Negro and white New Yorkers will bring the case before the major league magnates.

The question of Negroes in the major leagues is the first item on the agenda, having been placed there by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball.

ROBESON, LANDIS MEET

Before this meeting at the Hotel Commodore, Paul Robeson, world renowned Negro singer and actor, will confer with Judge Landis at a special meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel. Mr. Robeson will be there at the invitation of Landis and will present the case for Negroes in baseball.

Tremendous nation-wide interest has been stirred up by the whole question. Landis' office revealed yesterday that he has been flooded with telegrams congratulating him on placing the Negro player question on the agenda and urging him to recommend the signing of Negro stars.

Robeson will urge Judge Landis to recommend to the meeting the immediate hiring of Negro stars as will the delegation which will be at the Commodore. This delegation consists of A. Clayton Powell, Councilman-elect Michael Quill, Rev. Thomas Harten, Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Councilman-elect Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Charles Collins of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and others.

There are rumors, substantiated by some actions, which indicated that Landis may recommend the hiring of Negro stars to the magnates. One of these actions is a statement by Judge William Bramham, president of all the minor leagues, yesterday in which he said: **"There is no law prohibiting baseball clubs to engage Negro players."**

Bramham brought the question up at yesterdays final meeting of the minor leagues which marked the first time that the subject has ever been discussed there. The link with Landis is the fact that Landis made possible the reelection of Bramham on Wednesday and that the minor league president is a close Landis man. His statement therefore, is of the greatest significance.

The joint meeting of the big leagues will start at 10 A.M. and will be presided over by Landis

Sepia Grid Stars To Play On Powerful Camp Lee Team

CAMP LEE, Va., Sept. 16—(ANP)—Camp Lee will be represented on the gridiron this season by an interracial team that is tall, heavy, fast and experienced. The Quartermasters will appear on the field as good a service team at of any post in the region. Three full elevens are working out under Lt. Marshall Spivey and his coaching staff.

All-stars of conferences throughout the country will be found on the squad. They include players from the Big Ten, Southern, Southwestern and Southeastern conferences, Ivy league, SIAA and others. In addition, there are several men with extensive semi-pro experience.

These varied backgrounds have been combined to mold a team with a fancy offensive. Starting with a double wingback, balanced line, the eleven will also use a single wingback and short punt from both a balanced and unbalanced line.

Lt. Bob Linderoth, former Minnesota guard, who played 60-minute ball for the Fort Warren QMs last season, is being worked at center by Line Coach Warren Casey. He will be spelled by David Hood, four letter man at Alabama A. & M.

Franny Carroll of Holy Cross and a pair of teammates from Florida A. & M., Howard Gentry and Chester Rodgers, are being counted on for the heavy work at the guards. Hy Velkoff, who played with the Dodgers several years back after finishing up at C.C.N.Y., in helping tutor the line, but may get into the game. Linderberg is also working out at these posts and may appear in the game at more than one position. All the candidates pack plenty of drive and are fast in their offensive and defensive assignments.

Tackles make or break a team. The Lee Quartermasters boast a powerhouse in this department. Jay Fidler received All-American honorable mention for his play at Brown. Al House was a regular with the Harrisburg, Pa. Trojans, recognized as National Negro semi-pro champs in 1941. The Southeastern conference contributes two men with "New Year's Day bowl" experience. They are Mitchell Olenski, veteran of Alabama's Crimson Tide, and Jim Lewis, three-sport star from Georgia.

The ends are all speed kinds, but they do not sacrifice any other qualifications for speed. They are tough on defense and can snare any pass thrown near them.

Alternating between end and wingback will be Barney Ewell, the track star, who has worn Camp Lee's colors in recent months. He will be a threat as a pass receiver and as a punter.

Two of Olenski's mates from Alabama, John Gresham and Andy Bires, are ends, Cherubino Petti of LaSalle college, and Hansel Tookes, another Florida A. & M. man, are in this group.

The backs line up more than three deep and Coach Spivey will be able to keep these men fresh throughout the game. The whole group is ready to go and will display a varied passing and running game. They have been interchanging positions during practices and can shift around from double to single wingback with facility.

Grimes Tops Fast Field To Win Atlanta Amateur Championship

T. H. Grimes, former southern amateur champion captured the Atlanta Amateur crown, Monday, when he chalked up a brilliant 293 for the gruelling 72 holes, to outpace a fast field over the Lincoln Golf and Country course.

It was a sparkling one-over par 69, carded on the third round clinched the title, for which added to the 75, 71 gave him the 292 total. Grimes won the southern championship in 1934, has competed in several national tournaments. In recent years, he has devoted most of his time to his business and as a result has not been able to play much golf.

Albert Ellis, farmer student at Booker T. Washington High School and recently inducted as a private in the army copped runner-up honors. Ellis finished a single stroke behind Grimes, with a 293. He toured the course in four rounds of 74-74-69-76 for his final score.

Roy Jones, the colorful shotmaker, who chalked up a sensational 71 for low medal honors finished in third place with a 294. Jones added a neat 73 to his first round 71 and followed with another 73 on the third round. He was in a

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

T. H. Grimes, former Tuskegee Institute, ... excellent position to top the field ... out blew the ... took ... 320.

SUMMARY: (First Division)
R. Grimes, 292; Albert Ellis, 293
Roy Jones, 294; Dr. H. M. Holmes
Nish Williams, 333.
(Second Division) Willie Wynn
Dr. R. W. Brown, (Tuskegee)
B. T. Reddick, (Orlando) 312;
Dr. J. J. Peters, (Tuskegee) 320;
H. A. Alexander, John Cornelius
J. H. Early, A. A. Reid,
T. Sturr, Carl Goss,
High William and W. T.
Lester finished the 72 holes, but their scores were not tabulated in the first division for the press. Both had fine scores.

Willie Wynn posted a 295 for first place honors in the first division. After carding an 80 on the first 18 holes, Wynn settled down and blasted out three rounds of 71-69-77 for to finish only three strokes behind the champion.

Dr. Russell W. Brown, of Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama finished second in the second division with a 299. Dr. Brown played golf during his consistent brand of golf rounds, but the scores were not available at the time of this release.

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Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala

Former Tuskegee Coach Heads State Hornets

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Nov. 24.—Leading [illegible] State Hornets when they clash with the Tuskegee Tigers in Montgomery tomorrow, will be John H. Brown, who now is the acting head coach of the Hornets. Brown was head line coach here for 18 years and his forward walls were famous for nearly a generation.

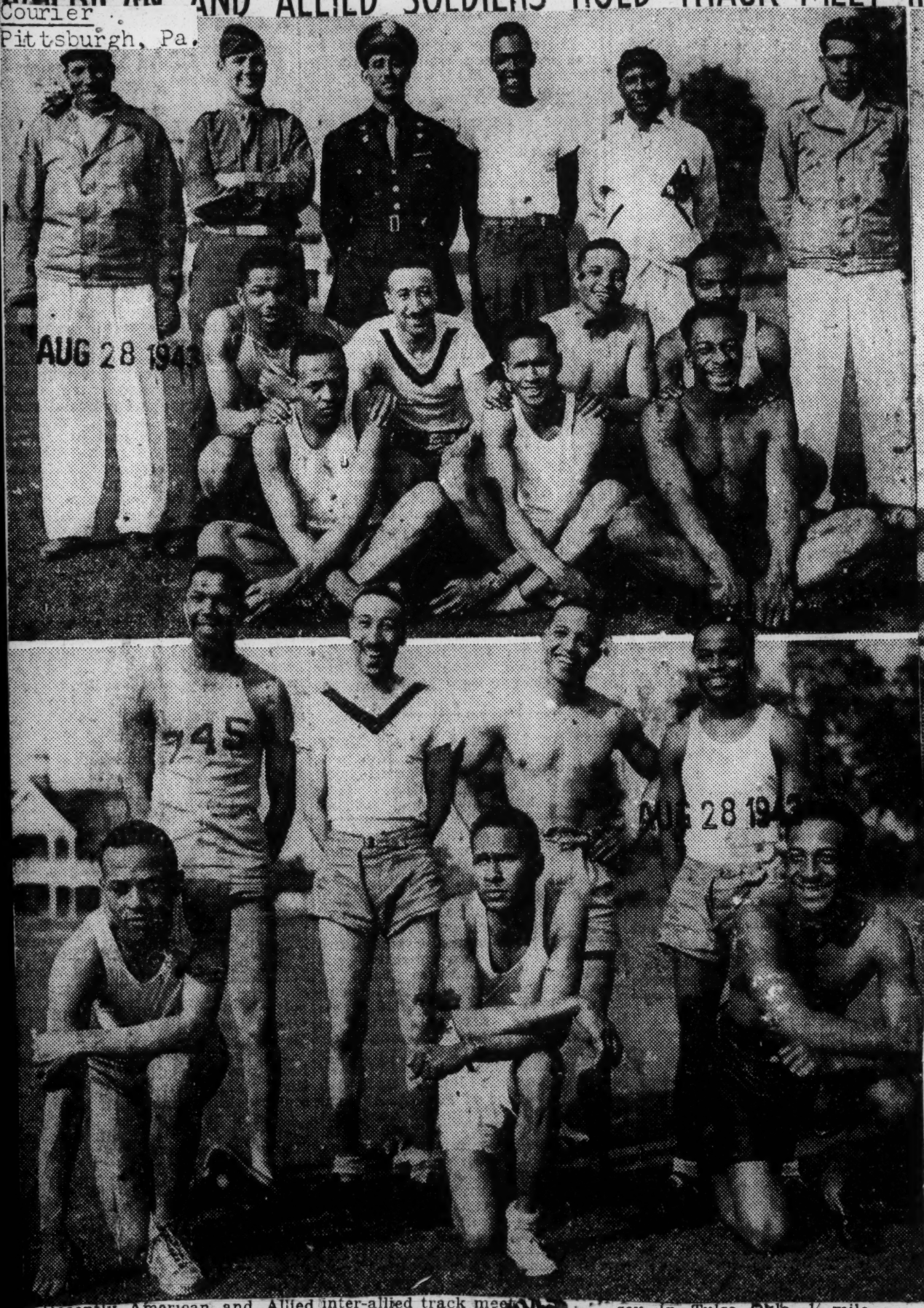
The now famous "T" formation was in its early stage when Coach Brown helped the Tuskegee coaches put it into use at Tuskegee. Now it becomes one of Tuskegee's favorite plays and they are sure to [illegible] on the Hornets today, but the State Normal squad should know how to handle it since Brown has been drilling them on the defensive moves that should be taken when it is ran.

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AMERICAN AND ALLIED SOLDIERS HOLD TRACK MEET IN WAR-TORN LONDON

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Recently American and Allied soldiers in London held a track meet in which many Negro soldiers participated and won top honors. Pictures here are of some of the men who competed.

Top, left to right: One of the most unique pictures ever made in London shows Cpl. Aaron Williams of Gary, Ind., winning the high jump at 6 feet 1-inch in an inter-allied track meet.

In the background is the world famous St. Paul's Cathedral. Winners in the events in the track meet of a QM Truck Battalion were:

First row, left to right: S/Sgt. John H. Pearson, Huntington, W. Va., 100, 220-yard dash; Cpl. Jas. Jones, Birmingham, Ala., 440-yard dash; Pfc. Jesse L. Ramsey, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., ½ mile.

Second row, left to right: Sgt. Wallace L. Ford, New Rochelle, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Lloyd V. Day, Brooklyn, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Lewis H. Watts, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Pvt. Clyde Benn, Brooklyn, N. Y., 440-yard relay team.

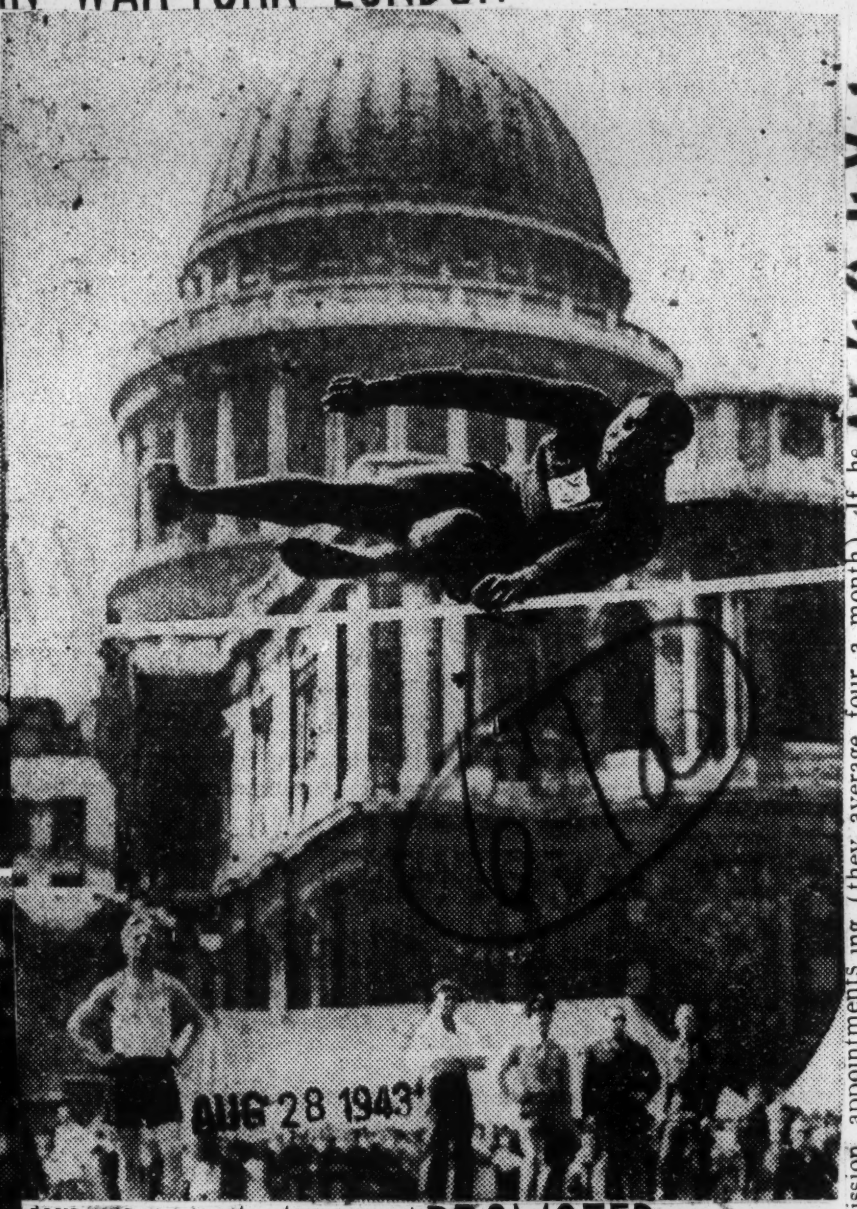
These competitions took place in the preliminaries of the three days open sports tournament, preparatory to the 8th Air Force Service Command.

Winners of events in track meet of Qm. Truck Regiments in England, with coaches and trainers:

First row, left to right: S/Sgt. John H. Pearson, Huntington, W. Va., 100 and 200-yard dashes; Cpl. James Jones, Birmingham, Ala., 440-yard dashes; Pfc. Jesse L. Ramsey, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., ½ mile.

Second row, left to right: Sgt. Wallace L. Ford, New Rochelle, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Lloyd V. Day, Brooklyn, N. Y.; S/Sgt Lewis H. Watts, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Pvt. Clyde Benn, Brooklyn, N. Y., 440-yard relay team.

Third row, left to right: Ralph Carner, Washington, D. C., association program director; 2nd Lt. Joseph Gemnley, New York, assistant athletic and recreational officer; 1st Lt. George Evans, Schenectady, N.Y., special service officer; Sgt. J. Henry Randall, Chicago, public relations staff reporter; Williams (Dick) Temple, Jr., Washington, D. C., program director; 2nd Lt. Edwin D. Jones, QMC, New York City, recreational and public relations officer.



Ain't Quit Yet

Hank Armstrong

Other Boxing Commission appointments mg (they average four a month). If he have been political; so might this one be. sho. should be elected to the chairmanship of More to the point was the special justness the triumvirate, he would pay taxes on of giving the Commission a one-third $7,500 more income per year.

Asked last week to name his favorite fighter, Commissioner Powell picked Sir William Osler.

NEW YORK — (SNS) — George Moore, manager of Henry Armstrong, said Tuesday the former triple titleholder has reconsidered his plan to retire from the ring immediately and will engage in one more bout, meeting Slugger White in Los Angeles September 18.

Armstrong, decisively defeated by

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Chicago, Illinois
Time
Harlem's Haymaker

Last week, f[illegible] first time in its 23 years, New Yo[illegible]minous Boxing Commission had a Negro member. He was handsome, 49-year-old Dr. Clilan Powell, X-ray expert, editor of Harlem's *Amsterdam News*, director of Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co. (owned and operated exclusively by Negroes). Governor Dewey, whom Powell backed for the governorship, made the appointment.

Negro say: of pro pugs today, 70% are fighters, and other[illegible]pt to maintain on prospective matches, contracts, ratings of fighters, and the caulifl[illegible]tain law & dustry. During his three-year term, he will pocket $25 for each commission meet-

In his new job, Dr. Powell will help rule over the cauliflower in-

PROMOTED



Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

Recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant and made a boxing instructor at Fort Knox, Kentucky, was Tommy Ross, former leading contender for the lightweight championship. In the Army, Cross is known by his real name, Thomas Ellis.

Ray Robinson here last Friday night, had announced that he was through fighting. But Moore said that inasmuch as the contract for the White bout already had been signed and the promoter had gone to considerate expense, Henry has agreed to go through with it.

MONTGOMERY WINS AWARD OVER ZIVIC

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Gains Unanimous Decision on Early Lead in Philadelphia 10-Round Non-Title Bout

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia shipyard worker who holds the lightweight championship of the world, punched out an easy triumph over Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh in the star bout of ten rounds at Shibe Park tonight.

Fighting before one of the largest crowds to see a bout in the United States this summer, Montgomery gained a top-heavy early lead which proved more than enough to offset the rally staged by Zivic in the last two rounds. The crowd numbered 21,452, and receipts were $60,924.50.

Zivic, who once held the welterweight championship of the world, had a decided weight advantage over the local boxer, whose crown was not at stake. The Pittsburgher scaled 144 pounds, against 136 for Montgomery.

Zivic Holds On

Despite this advantage, Zivic was at his worst in the in-fighting. Montgomery sought to force the action into close quarters most of the time, and succeeded considerably. Once locked with his opponent, the Philadelphian proceeded to pound the body with both hands while Zivic was content to do little but hold.

Only sporadically would the former welterweight king essay to trade, and even on most of these occasions Montgomery had the better of the exchanges.

In the last two rounds Zivic decided to box at long range, and he did well. He checked Montgomery with a long left, crossed a sharp right to the jaw and made Bob miss a number of well-meant counters, but the change in strategy came too late and did not seem to keep Montgomery from earning the unanimous decision.

One Punch Does It

Pvt. Johnny Walker, 161, Philadelphia, redeemed a lost cause with one punch when he stopped Billy Pryor, 165, of Pueblo, Col., in the sixth round of the scheduled ten-round semi-final. Pryor had a good lead for the first five rounds and was faring well in the sixth when Walker tagged him with a left hook to the chin, putting him out in 2:34.

Juste Fontaine, 128¼, speedy Pittsburgher, stamped himself as a hitter par excellence by knocking out Quenzell McCall, 127¾, of Philadelphia in the first round of a scheduled six. Fontaine dropped his foe for a count of nine early in the session, then spilled him for the full count in 2:59.

Dusty Brown, 136, Wilmington, stopped Johnny Morgan, 137¼, Philadelphia, in 1:17 of the second round of a scheduled six. Another six also ended in a knockout. Harold Smith, 147, Detroit, finished Billy Furrone, 142¼, in 2:46 of the third. In the four-round opener Santo Bucca, 133, Philadelphia, outpointed Dave Freeman, 139¾, Philadelphia.

Wilson Licks Costantino

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Negro Pugilist In Line For Title Go

By United

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson was in line for a shot at Phil Terranova's National Boxing Assn. featherweight crown today after taking an easy decision over Lulu Costantino of New York in 10 fast rounds at Griffith Stadium here last night.

The veteran Pittsburgh Negro ledite Costantino all the way, keeping hima continually off balance with a hardfavorite over the man who is left jab. He cut Costantino's left eyeranked No. 10 in the country. It in the fourth round.

Terranova, who won the title from Jackie Graham in New Orleans earlier this month, is in town to negotiate for a fight with Wilson here. It was understood that Promoter Mike Jacobs of New York also was trying to match the pair for a bout at Madison Square Garden.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Five Suspended in D.C. Fight "Fix"

WASHINGTON

Three puzzled and perplexed D.C. boxing commissioners heard the second installment of the "Garner-Hubert Tank Affair" on Monday and wound up by passing suspensions all around.

John Garner, who "confessed" to throwing the fight two weeks ago with Tee Hubert for the D.C. light-heavyweight title, was suspended indefinitely.

John Carter, accused of paying Garner $300 to "take the dive"; Walter Johnson and John Sullivan, co-managers of Garner, and Joe Turner, promoter, were given 30-day suspensions for entering upon a $300 weight forfeit agreement without the commission's sanction.

While the commissioners took no action against Carter on the fight "fix" charges, basing the suspension upon the private "weight forfeiture agreement," Carter declared that he would protest the suspension.

'Duration Champ' Is Favorite

Post
Washington, D. C

Jimmy Bivins, sensational Cleveland Negro whom Joe Louis candidly selects as the best of the present heavyweights, makes his first start locally tonight when he meets Herbert Marshall, hard-punching New York Negro, at Griffith Stadium in Promoter Goldie Ahearn's third big outdoor fight of the season, which may draw 12,000 fans and a gate topping the $20,000 mark.

The fight is scheduled for 10 rounds but may and probably will go less. Bivins is a prohibitive favorite at odds of anywhere from 4 to 8 to 1. It is befitting the "duration champion" that he be favorite but it is surprising that even a "duration champ" be such a huge merely gives an idea of the prowess of Bivins and how he so completely dominates the field.

Marshall Is Confident

Nevertheless, Marshall, to quote an old ring axiom, has two hands and two feet and, with one good, solid punch, may change the entire complexion of the fight. Marshall, too, is on the edge of getting into the big money brackets and is hungry for those big purses such as the likes of the Louises, the Bivinses, et al, command. There is every reason for Marshall to make a great fight of it he honestly believes he will.

Marshall can punch and can box. Without going into the accepted formula of naming all the foes Marshall has licked, it is sufficient to remind that Marshall recently whipped Gus Dorazio, and any fighter who can take Dorazio has at least an outside chance with almost any opponent.

Bivins, however, appears to be everything his advance notices claim. He can box almost with the speed of a lightweight and no one has found any fault with his punching. He has stiffened some of the best of them and, as said before, has licked all of the present crop now campaigning. He rates his favoritism, especially after five days of public workouts here when he convinced daily crowds of several hundred that he knows what it is all about once he climbs through the ropes.

The match that may steal the show is the 10-round semifinal between Billy Banks, local Negro featherweight, and Harry Jeffra, former bantam anad featherweight champion of Baltimore. Jeffra recently started his successful comeback with intentions of regaining his feather crown.

Banks a Comebacker

Banks, who hung up the gloves when Lew Hanbury defeated him last year, is also a comebacker. Since returning he has had four fights, winning three by kayoes. This, to him, is his most important bout to date and a victory would place him in a commanding position to demand a bout with a high-ranking opponent, particularly Hanbury, whom he wants badly to meet and avenge that previous defeat.

Strangely enough, the former double champion is held at even money over the lithe, fancy-stepping and hard punching local Negro.

One of the three five-rounders booked as the preliminaries includes a return bout between Jimmy Jeannette, local bantam, and Larry Torpey, sensational Philadelphia scrapper. They fought a sensational five-rounder on the Montgomery-Wills card that brought down th ehouse. Another five round prelim includes the appearance of Chuck Hunter of Cleveland, former National Amateur lightweight champion, undefeated as a pro, who meets Tiger Nelson, local Negro. The third bout will be announced at ringside.—AL COSTELLO.

Henry Plans Comeback to Beg for More

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Henry Armstrong today said he has just discovered it will take a little more money than he anticipated to clean up his income tax account and that he had reconsidered the retirement he announced the other night.

As he discussed it, this would be a return for just one fight, the match with Luther "Slugger" White at Los Angeles Sept. 18. Henry is tempted by the fact that the fight should draw enough to square him with Mr. Whiskers. He'll leave for the coast Sept. 20.

California boxing circles, including the State Athletic Commission, have been telephoning Armstrong and his manager, George P. Moore, to obtain a reconsideration. Willie Ritchie, the old lightweight star, now of the California commission staff, pleaded with Henry yesterday to "not let us down." The White match was signed before Armstrong came East.

The feeling of New York fans is that if California still wants Armstrong after his pitiful showing against Cpl. Ray Robinson, it can have him.

Strangely, White and Armstrong probably would draw a fair house out there despite the evidence in the Garden that Henry can't fight even a little bit any

That Coast climate probably made some of Henry's earlier comeback fights look a lot better than they really were. At any rate, White is the new star out there, having whipped Juan Zurita. He also holds a 15-round decision over Willie Joyce, who twice fought Armstrong on the Coast.

This Is the Army, Mr. S—

PM
New York, N. Y.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 10.—Pvt. Maxie Shapiro, who punched his way up from New York's East Side to become a contender for the lightweight title, finds that the Army is the place to go for a busman's holiday.

Maxie, who [illegible] at Basic Training Center No. 10 two weeks ago from Camp Upton on Long Island, found that the mitt-slinging game is the thing in the Army.

"To tell you the truth," he says, "I was surprised at how many soldiers there were who wanted to put on the gloves and learn something about boxing."

And the boys like to fan about the game as well as practice the applied art. Maxie found that out as soon as it was revealed who he was. The questions came at him like a barrage from two-fisted Ray Robinson.

Robinson, Maxie told the boys, is the toughest man he ever fought.

"He's tense," he says. "He's rangy and if you don't get inside of him, he'll measure you and then it's all over. He measured me in two rounds and I was down four times before the ref stopped the bout."

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Here They Are! These Negro Aces Are Major Leaguers

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

As you read this the great decision on the entrance of Negroes into the major leagues may have already been made at the joint meeting of the baseball men this morning.

With the possibility that the ban may be lifted the Daily Worker here presents just a few of the great Negro stars who are of major league caliber, and, if signed, would be immediate hits.

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Josh Gibson

Here, perhaps, is the greatest slugger of all time, called by Washington's Walter Johnson, the "greatest catcher in baseball history." Gibson is the receiver of the Hmestead Grays, a mighty hitter, who holds the all-time record for home runs in one season—75—established in 1940. Josh is only 30 years old and at the peak of his great career. Besides being a tremendous hitter who has a lifetime batting average of .345 in ten years in the Negro National League, Josh is a splendid catcher and a fine handler of pitchers. The No. 1 Negro star in America!

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Dave Barnhill

The Tommy Bridges of Negro baseball, is this little, handsome mite of a man, who was the leading hurler in the Negro league last year. Barnhill is one of those pitchers who comes along every generation—fast, clever and spunky, with an assortment of stuff to take the breath away. Standing only 5 feet 6 inches in height he is, nevertheless, terrifically fast and possesses a knuckle ball that is second to none. . . . Only 25 years old, Dave won 26 games last year, lost 10. . . . Plays with the New York Cubans and is the best fielding pitcher in Negro baseball. Can also hit. . . . 3A in the draft, with two small kiddies.

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Buck Leonard

Buck for years has been one of the greatest hitters in baseball. A strong-muscled left-handed hitter, he is the first baseman of the Homestead Grays and his specialty is rapping homers over the right wall. Would be a natural in Ebbets Field, with the Dodgers. . . Has averaged 34 homers a year the past eight years. . . . Is 31 years old and 3A in the draft.

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Hilton Smith

This 6-foot 3-inch fastballing giant has a record for the past six years that has never been equalled in Negro or white baseball. Smith, the hurler of the Kansas City Monarchs has won 129 games and lost but 28 in the past half dozen years. He is the fastest pitcher in Negro baseball, possessing a high hard one that "takes off" as it reaches the plate. Hilton is reputed to be better than the famed Satchel Paige, immortal of the mound. Only 29 years old, he is 3A in the draft with three youngsters.

Jesse Williams

Remember this name—for it may be one of the first to be printed in a big league box score. Williams is the shortstop of the Kansas City Monarchs and has been compared with Eddie Miller of the Reds. Fast almost to the point of disbelief, Williams owns a throwing arm that is the best in the league. He gets the ball away from any position and whips it to first on a line so hard that it almost knocks the first baseman off his feet. He is death on ground balls with men on the base, turning them into swift and lethal double plays. As a hitter he bangs the ball around the .270 mark—better than enough for a shortstop.

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Sam Bankhead

This man is the all-around ace of Negro baseball. He has played practically every position on the diamond and played it magnificently. Last season he took over second base for the Homestead Grays and was picked on the all-league team. An eight year veteran Bankhead has a lifetime batting average of .318 and is a long ball hitter who specializes in clouting in the clutch. 3A in the draft.

Today Is the Day!

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

By Nat Low

This can be baseball's greatest day.

This is the day in which our great National Pastime can strike a thundering blow for democracy which will be heard around the world wherever men fight for—and dream of—freedom.

Today baseball can, by one mighty stroke, inspire the millions of American soldiers who are fighting on bloody battle-fronts on every continent of the globe.

Today baseball can end forever a disgraceful ban against players who represent 13,000,000 people in our own country and hundreds of millions of colored peoples the world over who are fighting in the ranks of the United Nations.

Today is the day.

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This morning, at the Hotel Commodore, the joint session of both the American and the National Leagues will take place. At this meeting will be all the governing bodies of baseball—the men who make policy, who control and run the most beloved of all American sports.

The first thing on the agenda of this meeting, held at a time when the very existence of baseball as a national game is being jeopardized by a lack of manpower, is the question of Negro players.

This is the first time in the history of baseball that the question is to be discussed by the major leagues.

At the meeting a delegation representing the National Negro Publishers Association will present the case of the Negro players to the assembled magnates and managers.

Before this meeting Paul Robeson, one of the greatest of living Americans, will confer with Judge K. M. Landis at a special meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt. Robeson will also plead the case of Negro players, urging their immediate signing to big league contracts.

There is every indication that Judge Landis is prepared to recommend to the magnates the hiring of Negro stars. This belief is strengthened by the action of Judge William Bramham, president of all the minor leagues, who said yesterday that there is no ban against Negro players. Bramham, it is pointed out, is Judge Landis' man and was re-elected on Wednesday only after the direct intervention of Landis.

Thus, all signs point to the issue being brought into the light and the whole question finally being settled.

Should Landis recommend that the owners hire Negro players then the thing will be dumped right into the laps of the magnates.

The question is—who will be the first magnate to break through and sign Negro players?

This is the crucial problem. This is baseball going through its severest test.

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The eyes and hopes of all America are focused on the big league meetings today.

The hopes of our colored allies will be buoyed up tremendously should Negro players enter our great National Game. Our colored allies will see in this action a great move to give the colored peoples complete and unequivocal freedom. In turn this will help the war effort of these peoples tremendously.

Overseas, among our fighting men, the news that Negro stars are in the major leagues will inspire our troops to greater efforts. Especially among our Negro troops will this act on the part of the magnates be felt. Our Negro soldiers will fight with greater enthusiasm and greater fervor when they know that their brothers are playing in our game of baseball.

On the home front the ending of the ban against Negro players will be in keeping with all the other recent acts which are aimed at a **total** participation of the Negro people in the war effort.

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That is what it means.

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We hope baseball will be worthy of the name it has earned as the great National Pastime. We hope baseball will grow into maturity today.

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Ex-Collegiate Stars to Play With Marines

Afro-American

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A formidable line-up of players from many of the major teams of the country will represent the Marines from the lower South at the Memorial Stadium, August 29. The all-star game of the South at Memorial Stadium, August 29. The Marines meet a team of all-stars from several States.

CIAA fans will recall the exploits on diamond and basketball court of Gil (Nickles) Frazier of Virginia Union University, Fran Sox, and Freddie Jackson of the Virginia Union team. Was a member of "Dream Team."

Other stars to see action are: Leon Curtis, formerly of the Roanoke Black Cardinals; Mose Irvin Birmingham Black Barons; Garfield Bankhead, Eugene Stewart, who have played with white semi-pro clubs in New Jersey; Dan Bankhead, Eugene Richard Lomax of the Atlanta Black Crackers; Wilson and Winzer Turner of the Memphis Red

Robeson Thrills Writers, Magnates at Baseball Meet

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By C. E. Dexter

Will Negro players go to bat for their home teams in organized baseball next season? That was the question on everyone's lips as the joint meeting of the American and National Leagues got under way at the Hotel Roosevelt yesterday morning.

With Paul Robeson's voice booming through the transom of the meeting room, and with newsmen and photographers from Negro and white newspapers and press associations present, the first hour of the meeting was full of excitement. When Robeson appeared in the press room, he was surrounded by interviewers. He gave a resume of his talk, together with several practical suggstions for immediate engagement of Negro ball players.

Cynics who had scoffed at the idea that Negro players might be hired for next season began to back down. They had predicted that Judge Landis would pass the buck again. Landis' statement, issued by his assistant, Leslie O'Connor, after the meeting, was clearer than his previous declaration, made two summers ago, when he said that no law, written or unwritten, bars Negroes from organized ball. Specifically, and to the sixteen assembled magnates, Landis said: "Each club is entitled to employ Negro players to any and all extent it desires. The matter is one solely for each club's decision without any restriction whatsoever."

In 1942, when the joint meeting was held in Chicago, an anti-Jim Crow delegation was refused admission. The speeches by Robeson and other Negro representatives, as well as Landis' statement, marked official recognition of the pleas of millions who have urged that the "unwritten" discriminatory bars be set down.

SOX BUY JOHNSON

Other matters on the owners' agenda were routine. During the meeting, the Boston Red Sox announced that they had purchased Bob Johnson, veteran outfielder, in a straight cash transaction from the Washington Senators. It was the only deal made during the week long baseball convention.

The other juicy new tid-bit concerned William D. Cox, former owner of the Phillies, who was expelled from organized baseball for gambling by Judge Landis late in November. Landis, in a spot interview with the press following the meeting, stated that a lawyer representing Cox had appealed to him. "He said that Cox had convinced him that he had not been guilty of gambling," Landis said. "This lawyer declares that Cox said he had admitted gambling to an employe of the Phillies in an effort to test the loyalty of the men, who thereupon went to me (Landis) with the report. If this were true, Cox was lying in his admissions of gambling. Under the circumstances, I agreed to give Cox a hearing." The hearing will take place in New York today. Previously Cox had refused to appear before Landis, but had admitted he had bet on his own team.

Other decisions by the joint meeting were as follows:

The 1944 season will begin on April 18 and will end on Oct. 1 with 154 games played.

The player limit of 25 from June 15 to Sept 1, was retained.

Washington will play all its games at night after May 5 except for Saturdays and Sundays. Dependent upon an agreement between the Cardinals and Browns, 21 night games may be played by the two St. Louis clubs.

The leagues appropriated $20,000 for American Legion play, with $2,500 additional form each league individually.

The leagues will again publish a baseball guide.

The All-Star game will be played in Pittsburgh on July 11. Whether the teams play at night or not has not decided yet.

It is possible that fans will vote for All-Star teams by bond purchase, a proposal made by the Baseball Writers Association of America. War Relief games will be scheduled at a meeting of the Advisory Council.

The majors and minors are selecting representatives for a post-war planning committee. This committee may reorganize minor league territories, to knit them more closely together. It will also formulate plans for the return to baseball of players now in service.



PAUL ROBESON

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Landis, Robeson Confer Tomorrow

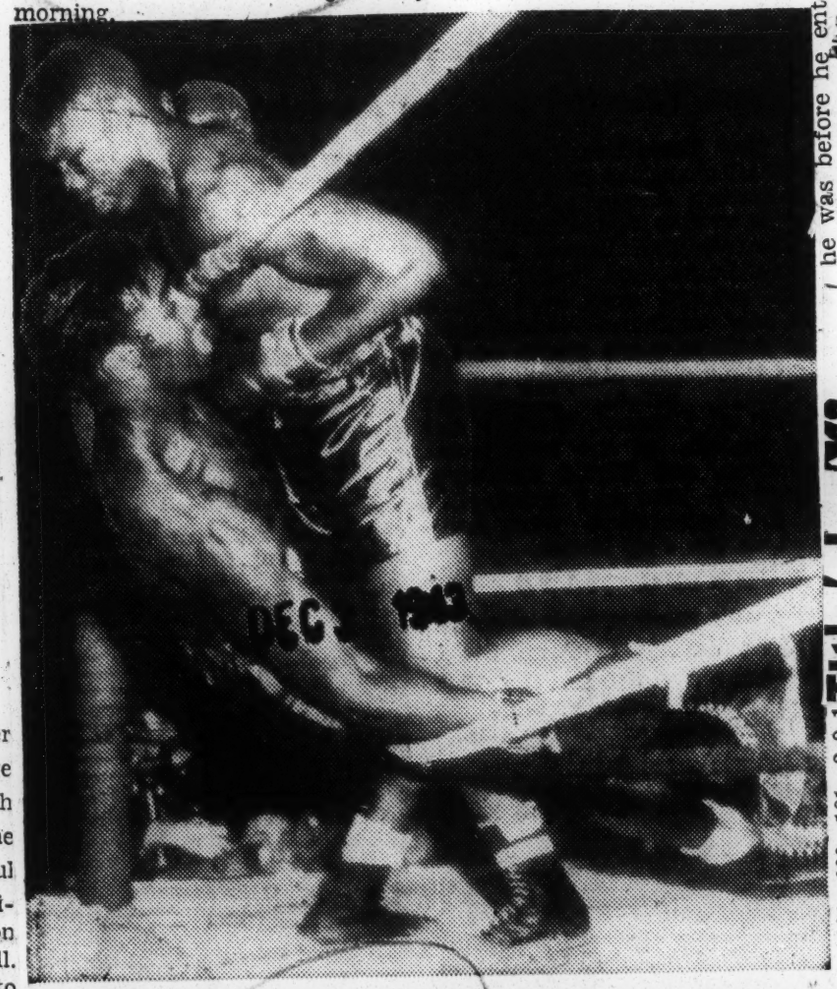
Jim Crow suffered still another body blow yesterday when Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, invited the great Negro singer and artist Paul Robeson, to meet with him on Friday morning to discuss the question of Negroes in major league baseball.

Judge Landis invited Robeson to appear at a special meeting in the Hotel Roosevelt at 10 AM a half hour before the joint session of the major and minor leagues is scheduled to begin at the Hotel Commodore. At that meeting still another plea for the entrance of Negro stars into the major leagues will be made by a delegation representing the National Negro Publishers Association. The delegation will direct their plea at the assembled magnates of both leagues.

Judge Landis' invitation to Robeson is without precedent in the history of baseball and is of tremendous significance. Rumors have been current during the week that Landis is preparing to recommend to the Friday meeting of the magnates the immediate signing of Negro stars.

Should Landis recommend to the magnates on Friday the immediate hiring of Negro stars it is entirely possible that Negro players may be in the major leagues before the week is out.

In the meantime, trade unionists and other progressives are flooding Judge Landis at the Hotel Roosevelt with telegrams congratulating him upon putting the question of Negro ball players on the agenda and urging him to recommend the immediate hiring of Negro stars to the magnates at their meeting Friday morning.



BIVINS BOOED—Jimmy Bivins, rated by the N.B.A. as the No. 1 active heavyweight, is shown above (right) as he forced Lee Q. Murray through the ropes in the third round of their Xmas fund ten rounder in Cleveland. Bivins was awarded a thunderously booed decision.

Fans Honor Josh Gibson In D. C.

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9—A crowd of 5,000 fans celebrated "Josh Gibson Night" here at Griffith Stadium Thursday night—awarding the big star with expensive tokens of esteem, but Barney Brown, slender Philadelphia Star, forgot script apparently by hexing

Homestead Grays, 4 to 2.

For the Grays could not beg a run off his serves and expert ratioining of base hits, during the first six innings. Meanwhile, in the third, the Stars had touched Partlow for three runs—thanks to a two-run muff of a double play ball by Sammy Bankhead.

Rain halted play at the start of the fifth, but both teams were

he was before he entered the service," stated the champion. He's the best I've seen to date." his

Louis is here with his

PORTLAND, Ore.—(A N P)—Sgt. troupe giving fighting exhibitions Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, and lectures at nearby army camps. who has not made up his mind whether he will continue his ring career after the war, has named the fighter he considers to be the leading contender for the world title. He is Star Harvey, of New York, now serving in the army.

"He's a much better fighter than

Grays .....000 000 101—2 9 1
Batteries—Brown and Cash; Partlow, Carter, Wright and Gib-son.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Harvey Leading Contender For Title—Louis

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Hank Is 3-1 Underdog Against Young Foe In Tonite's Ten

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New York, N. Y. By Bill Mardo

Despite the fact that Sugar Robinson's fighting sharpness may have been rationed somewhat by the rigors of Army life, the skinny, uncrowned king of the welters will enter the ring tonight a 3-1 favorite over hustling Henry Armstrong in a 10-round bout that will probably pack some 23,000 fight fans into every nook and cranny of Madison Square Garden's arena-of-swat.

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Excitement is at fever pitch for this fight of fights. As the hour of ring-time draws near, questions emanating from the mouths of the excited citizens parked along Jacobs Beach are to be heard echoing and re-echoing in front of every drug store and ice cream parlor in the city. . . . Wherever fight fans congregate the same arguments heatedly rage:

Will Armstrong's style prove too much for Ray? Can Henry weather the dynamite packed in Robinson's fists? Has the Army routine taken something out of Ray? Will Armstrong's hustling, never-stop body beating barrage put lead into the dancing toes of his kid opponent?

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Nobody knows. But along about 11 o'clock tonite, when the lights go up and somebody's hand is raised aloft by Harry Balough—then will the answer be forthcoming. . . .

HENRY'S GREAT COMEBACK

Two of the greatest products t' ring has produced in the last decade, this evening's brawl will be marred by but one factor. These fighters are not meeting at their respective peaks. For the amazing Mr. Armstrong, tonight's bout is just another to be squeezed into the twilight of a great career. . .

Not nearly the awe-inspiring fighting machine that he was five years ago when he shattered all ring precedent by capturing three world titles, nevertheless the 32-year-old veteran still boasts a lot of gas in his old but spirited boxing engine. Win or lose tonight, the indomitable Negro scrapper has already added another page to the immortal chapter of ring lore entitled—Henry Armstrong—the Greatest Fighter Pound - for - Pound That Ever Lived.

And that page will be the one that records the most phenomenal comeback in ring history. Finis was marked alongside the fight life of Hank after he failed to recapture his welterweight crown from Fritzie Zivic back in January of 1941. . . . But a year and a half later, coming out of the shadows of retirement, Henry put the gloves back on and defied all tradition by chalking up a skein of comeback triumphs against the best fighters in the land that is well nigh unbelievable . . .

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Twenty-six times has Henry gone to the post since he started his arduous climb back to the top, and he has emerged victorious in 23 of these set-to's. That his punch still boasts a lot of its old-time zing is very much evident by the record which registers 14 kayoes in Hank's comeback try.

The style which captured three crowns for him is still his trademark in the trade. Moving in all the time, bobbing and weaving and throwing punches from every conceivable angle while he rests his head on his opponent's shoulder—that's the Armstrong way. In all truth, it can be said that Henry doesn't toss as much leather as he did in the days of yore, and his feet don't carry him quite as fast as they used to—nevertheless his tireless energy and natural punching potency still combine to form a fighting arsenal capable enough of whipping together a frightening evening for any welterweight living. . . .

RAY HALLIVERTON

Little can be added to the paeans of praise already shouted in the direction of young Ray Robinson. This lean, lanky kid from the sidewalks of Harlem has amassed one of the greatest winning streaks of all time. After chalking up 89 consecutive triumphs as an amateur, Robbie turned pro and notched another 40 straight wins onto his record. His one setback came against rough Jacob LaMotta in Detroit, but Sugar reversed that decision in a return match just prior to his induction. . . .

Robinson's ring equipment is as well-rounded as Joe Louis'. The youngster possesses a left hand that is a joy to behold. Like a machine-gun, Robbie fires it with blinding speed and it lands with disastrous results. His right cross is the "pay-off" punch, and like Joe Louis, Ray never lets it loose unless he has a place to park it. Speed afoot is just another of this sensational kid's capabilities. He moves around the ring like an adagio dancer, first to the right and then to the left—never letting his man get set. . . .

Some maintain that the one flaw in Robinson's physical makeup is his sparse frame. Six feet tall, Ray has a waistline that is practically nill. Ringwise observers believe Robbie's skinny torso will wilt under the severe body pounding that Armstrong metes out. . . . It is interesting to note that the infighting body-bangers have always caused Ray the most anguish. Marty Servo came mighty close on two occasions to beating Robinson with that type of style. And the mauling LaMotta pushed, smothered and mauled Ray to such an extent in their Detroit engagement that the Harlem flash finally folded for a nine count late in the fight. . . .

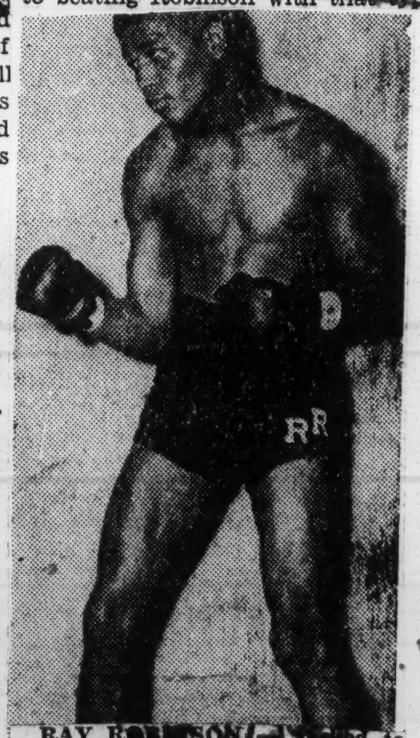
Everything considered, tonight's scrap should be the most thrilling witnessed in many moons. Certainly it will prove their toughest encounters for both Armstrong and Ray. . . .

Come 10 P. M., and all hell's gonna break loose in the Garden!

Matchmaker Nat Rogers has arranged a supporting program of four six-round events and an opening four to back up the Robinson-Armstrong event.

Cecil Hudson, of Los Angeles, is paired with Izzy Jannazzo, veteran East Side weiter, in the semi-final. Hudson is managed by Armstrong and is rated one of California's leading young 147-pounders. He is making his first Eastern appearance.

A near capacity crowd is anticipated at the Garden tonight. Tickets are priced at $1.15, $2.50, $3.50, $5.75, $11.50 and $16.50 for reserved seats.



RAY ROBINSON—Figured to beat Henry Armstrong tonight.

Low, Mardo Pick Ray; Gordon Says Henry Will Win

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The Daily Worker sports staff is split 2 to 1 on the big fight tonight. Sports Editor Nat Low and Bill Mardo say it will be Ray Robinson's hand which will be held aloft at the fight's end while Phil Gordon, who has been in the gym all week long watching Henry and Ray work, says Henry will take the decision.

Here's the way the boys sum up:

Nat Low: Ray's too fast, too tough, too cute and too young for Henry. Ray hits too hard. Even though Henry's infighting may prove a little annoying at first Ray will eventually fight it off. Ray by a decision. . . .

Bill Mardo: Ray is one of the classiest little fighters in ring history. Maybe four years ago Henry would have beaten him. But time has taken its toll of Armstrong and so, it looks like Ray—although the fight should be a terrific ding-dong battle all the way . . . Ray on points.

Phil Gordon: I hate to make Low and Mardo look sick but I'm the guy who picked Dempsey over Willard and that put me in the all-time, all-great, all-over class. . . . Henry is still the best of 'em and with a Robinson in the Army ten months he's not going to be sharp enough to battle off an ever-charging Armstrong. . . . Don't sell Henry short, especially over the short distance ten rounds. Armstrong to win, but it will be close. . . .

Tuskegee Track Women Honored

Advertiser

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Dec. 10. The National Women's Track and Field Committee in session at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, December 5, selected an all-American team, the following stars winning places:

Stella Wash, Cleveland, Ohio, 100 and 200-meter dashes and running broad jump.

Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute, 50-meter dash and running high jump.

Nancy Cowperthwaite, German-American Athletic Club, New York, 80-meter hurdles.

Frances Gorn, Cleveland, discus throw, and eight-pound shot.

Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, javelin.

Elaine Grothe, Chicago, baseball throw.

400-meter relay team, Stella Wash, Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee Institute, and Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg (Penn.) Athletic Club.

It is interesting to note that on the all-American 400-meter relay team Alice Coachman, Rowena Harrison and Jeanette Jones are colored girls and Stella Wash is Polish.

Members of the Tuskegee Women's Track and Field Team participated in their first national championships in the final Olympic tryouts at Providence, Rhode Island, July 4, 1936, and tied for second place with 15 points. Since then the team has participated in the following championships with results as indicated:

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1937—At Trenton, N. J., won championships, 33 points.

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1941—At Atlantic City, N. J., (Indoor) won championships.

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Montgomery, Ala.

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The Atlanta Collegians, a galaxy of cage stars coached by Ralph Robinson, Clark College athletic director, will play the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters tonight at the Sunset Casino. Preliminary will start at 7 p. m.

The Globe Trotters, who won the national professional championship in 1940 at the Chicago tournament and captured the Mexican invitational title compet-

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Play Here Tonight

Georgia

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Norfolk, Virginia Journal and Guide

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Clark And Xavier Out In Front As SIAC Teams Reach Halfway Mark

As Southern Conference teams reach the halfway mark of the 1943 grid season, the Clark College Panthers and Xavier University "Gold Rush" are ont in front in the conference grid race. While the conference has already decided not to award a championship this year, the teams are fighting to maintain their prestige, as well as to establish a claim to the unofficial title. The highlights of the season during October were the Clark Panthers' stunning upset of the Tuskegee Golden Tigers and Xavier's brilliant victory over Alabama State. The Florida Rattlers, 1942 national and conference champions have found the going tough. While undefeated by a conference foe, the Rattlers have been tied by the Alabama State Hornets and Morris Brown Wolverines. Tuskegee's Golden Tigers runners-up in the 1942 conference race have a .500 percentage, with a victory over the Morehouse Maroon Tigers, after being shaded by the Clark Panthers. The Purple Wolverines have not lost a single game, but three tie games, with Morehouse, Tuskegee and Florida mean little or nothing in the percentage standings.

STANDING OF SIAC TEAMS:

	Games Played	W	L	T	Pct
Clark College	1	1	0	0	1.000
Xavier University	1	1	0	0	1.000
Tuskegee Institute	3	1	1	1	1.00
Morris Brown College	3	0	0	3	.50
Florida A. & M. College	2	0	0	2	.00
Morehouse College	2	0	1	1	.000
Alabama State	2	0	1	1	.00

Weekly Review
Birmingham, Ala.

TEAMS TO SET HOT PACE IN NOVEMBER

The large number of tie games, is a clear indication that the conference teams are for the most part evenly matched. The fact that a few teams lack scoring punch should not be disparaging to the fans. One must always keep in mind that the coaches have had to build from scratch, and it is impossible to develop stars of the calibre of "Big Train" Moody, Defoy Arnold, Mitchell, Mason, Williams, Andy Anderson, Raymond Head, the Robinson Brothers and Jim Williams over night. One may reasonably expect the teams to set a hot pace during November, and while the Clark Panthers and Xavier "Gold Rush" elevens are in the driver's seat at present, the order may be reversed before Thanksgiving rings down the curtain. Even so Clark's chance look good at the moment.

FORT BENNING TIGERS NO. 1 CONTENDERS FOR "VULCAN BOWL"

When bids go out for the annual Vulcan Bowl Classic, about three weeks from now, the Fort Benning Reception Center Tigers should be the No. 1 contender. The Tigers' spectacular victories over Clark and Florida prove that they are tops in this section, and what is more this crack Army eleven will be a great drawing card against any team in the Southern Conference. In fact, athletic officials at Morris Brown College would do well to consider the Tigers for the Annual "Peach Blossom Classic" in Cloumbus. A game between the Wolverines and Tigers in Memorial Stadium should be a sell-out. The Wolverines have a powerful line, and with more offensive power, may be able to hold their own against the powerful Reception Center aggregation.

CLARK-MOREHOUSE FUED HOLDS CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK

A neighborhood fued, which began more than a quarter of a century ago will came anew this weekend, when the Clark College Panthers clash with the Morehouse College Maroon Tigers. While the experts rate the Panthers at least one touchdown better than the Tigers, the game should be rated as a toss-up. With David T. Harper and Zelma Barbee in the lineup, Clark will definitely have more scoring power, but the "air-tight" defense of Morehouse may off-set this advantage. Another factor to be considered is, that both teams defeated the Fort Benning Tigers by a single touchdown. So, if comparative figures mean anything, the two teams are about evenly matched, and there is no doubt in the writer's mind that this will be the most thrilling encounter of the year.

Boxing's Only Twins

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.



No, you won't get deferred from the army because of your eyesight, and this isn't a double exposure or a trick camera shot. It's a picture of Stanley and Stanford Tuckett, only colored boxing twins in the world says their handler, Howard Red. They're 18, seniors at New York City Vocational School. Weighing 147, they have had 36 amateur fights 11 pro battles. Stanford, right, hasn't lost a setto; his brother has dropped three decisions. They have bouts scheduled on the Armstrong-Richardson card.

Use Of White Gloves Makes Fistic History

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

LOS ANGELES,—(ANP)—With fistic history being made in Los Angeles as two colored fighters were decked out with white gloves, California's Turkey Thompson knocked out Elmer Ray from Jacksonville, Fla., in 2:55 of the first of a scheduled ten round main event at the Olympic auditorium last Tuesday night.

Ray earned the crack at Turkey as the result of his "no decision" affair with the Central avenue fighter down San Diego way a couple of weeks back. Referee Lee Ramage halted the affair after Ray claimed he was struck low by Turkey in the sixth frame, and when Elmer failed to recuperate after a 10-minute rest, Ramage called it "no contest." When the bout was stopped, every scribe in Lane Park had ray ahead on points.

The battle was fought beneath the eerie lights of Lane field in compliance with the western command dimout regulations and both fighters and fans complained of the visibility. That was why they adopted white gloves for the rematch and it proved Ray's bitter downfall.

Up until the surprisingly fast kayo, it was a fairly evenly contested bout.

Regardless of Roy's contention about the first match .the fighters went into the ring with Turkey the favorite, 5-1. Turkey, after being held to fairly even terms for most of the round, suddenly unleashed a terrific, sweeping left hook that caught Ray flush on the jaw. The impact of the blow spun Ray half around and he sprawled flat on his face.

With referee Abe Roth yelling in his ear, Ray gamely climbed to his feet at the nine count, but he was a bit unsteady on his underpans. Turkey, sensing a kayo, leaped for the kill, slashed out a short right to the jaw, crossed over another left hook and Ray went down for the full tally. It took some three minutes to fully revive him.

Following last Tuesday night's preceedent the California athlete commission will have colored fighters in a match wear white gloves. In case of mixed bouts, it is presumed the white fighter will wear white gloves and his colored opponent will use the usual dark ones.

Editor Is Named by Dewey

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

Howard U. Graduate First Colored to Be Board Member

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dr. Clilan B. Powell, president and editor of the New York Amsterdam News, was appointed Tuesday by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to the New York State Athletic Commission, the first colored member of the body which controls boxing, sparring and wrestling in the State.

Dr. Powell succeeds William J. Brown, white, of Garrison, N.Y., who resigned at the expiration of his term, last December 31.

Dr. Powell, 49, began practice in New York City as the first colored doctor to specialize in X-ray work. He is a graduate of Howard University School of Medicine and served his interneship at Bellevue Hospital.

The new appointee in the three-member athletic group entered business in 1934 as a director of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Company, becoming president in 1940.

Dr. Powell's appointment ... his political cohorts by his brilliant record in New York. The board is a three-member body with the other two members long campaign to put a colored white. The chairman receives appointee on the board. He was $7,500 annually, while Dr. Powell late-comer in the long list of and the other member will be rospective appointees but wonpaid $25 a day for attending

... is Brig. Gen. John ... of New York City, and ... of Binghamton, ... member.

New Member of N.Y. Boxing Commission

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.



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Dr. Clilan Bethany Powell, X-Ray specialist and co-owner of the New York Amsterdam News who last week was named as a member of the New York State Athletic Commission, the body which governs boxing. Dr. Powell is the first colored man appointed to the board in its long history.

Powell's Appointment May Open Way to Jobs for Timers, Referees in N.Y.

Baltimore, Marvland, afro-American

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK — Dr. Clilan B. Powell, editor and co-publisher of the New York Amsterdam News, last week became the first colored person in history to be named a member of the New York State Athletic Commission.

The announcement came from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's offices in Albany, capitol of the State. A business man of national reputation, Dr. Powell has not been identified in the past with sports and this fact is believed to have been the decisive factor in Gov. Dewey's choice.

Dan Burley, sports writer and commentator, raised the issue of a colored man on the New York State Boxing Commission back in 1938, although there had been sporadic agitation for such recognition from the early days of Mayor James J. Walker's administration.

Burley's drive, however, was more concentrated and stirred many repercussions in high political places when he raised the race issue and pointed out that the persistent policy of non-recognition of the colored boxer as the backbone of the fight industry was causing deep and widespread resentment among colored and white fans who viewed the matter in its proper light.

Not Satisfied

Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the present commission which Mr. Dewey has hinted he will eventually replace entirely or augment from its present three members to five so as to gain control, summoned Burley before the commission in 80 Center Street to outline in person his charges that the board was practicing discrimination in its refusal to recognize and appoint qualified colored persons as referees, timekeepers, judges, deputy commissioners, etc.

The explosive issue was thoroughly aired in the daily press and as a result, Fred Vialet, a Harlem electrician, was given a badge as an assistant deputy commissioner and put on the payroll. This, however, was a political subterfuge which Burley attacked, since Vialet was dug up by Daniel L. Burrows, one of Harlem's three State assemblymen, to fill an opening that Gen. Phelan created purposely to avoid further criticism of his board on the race issue.

When Burley again raised the issue of a colored person on the commission last winter following Gov. Dewey's inauguration, it appeared at last that something would be done since Gov. Dewey regarded the issue as a deep controversial matter and felt inclined to settle it once and for all. When this became apparent, many names were suggested for the spot.

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Others Suggested

Bob Douglas, owner of the famous Renaissance Big Five; Pete White, Salem-Crescent A.C. official and one time track star; Frank Forbes, ex-baseball player and others, including Harry Wills were proposed by their personal followers.

In several cases, petitions were drawn up and circulated from one end of Harlem to the other and the petitions then sent to Gov. Dewey.

With Powell on the board, many things will come to pass that have been dreamed of but not realized. The new commissioner intends to force the issue of colored referees at the big fights in Madison Square Garden, the Broadway Arena and elsewhere.

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He intends, he declared in an exclusive interview, to see to it that a colored timekeeper or judge is on hand at some of the important fights. Every athlete will get a square deal, he said, which means colored and white so long as they toe the line and meet all requirements.

OHIO STATE FRESHMAN BACKFIELD

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

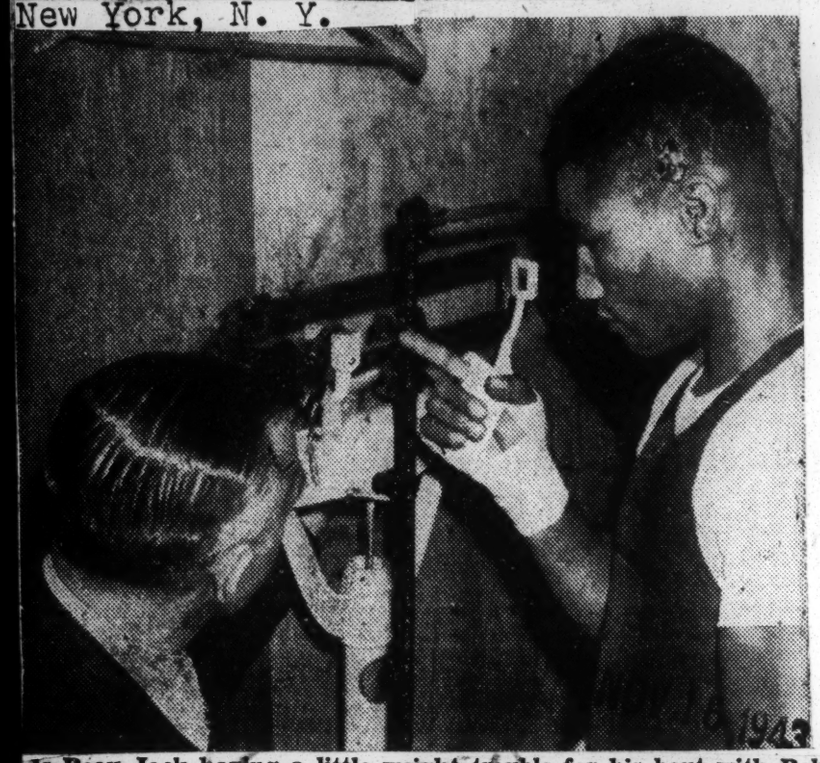


Since eligibility rules are out for recess in connection with big ten football competition this fall, Ohio State may depend on an all-freshman backfield in gridiron traffic. Here's the foursome that Coach Paul Brown's counting on to make good. The members, left to right, are: Ben Oliver, fullback; Ernest Parks, halfback; Al Williams, quarterback, and Dena Sensenbaugher, halfback.—International News photo

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Beau Weight Problem?

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.



Is Beau Jack having a little weight trouble for his bout with Bob Montgomery? Chick Wergeles (at left), his manager, denies it, but they say the Beau scaled 138 yesterday. However, the official weighing in tomorrow will tell the story. That's Beau on the scale.

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Beating The Gun

Daily World By ALVIN MOSES
Atlanta, Georgia SEP 1 - 1943

SATCHELL PAIGE IN STADIUM FINALE

Two of the tops names in America's baseball picture hook up in their "swan song" number for the current season on September 12th at Yankee Stadium, New York City. Davey (Impo) Barnhill, ace of Alexander Pompez's New York Cubans, is scheduled to face that gallant perennial Satchmo Paige of the far famed Kansas City Monarchs. Both teams have won a game and not less than 25,000 fans are expected to turn out to witness the rubber tilt.

Every time I steal away into a corner of the press box and watch the sheer wizardry of these two modern titans of the raised mound it carries me back to the days when I was a boy of ten or twelve. Then it was that Joe (Cyclone) Williams of the Lincoln Giants and Joe Mendez of the Almendares Club of Havana, Cuba, were the greatest of Negro baseball pitchers. What names they were to conjure with you ball fans of 1943. In 1912 or thereabouts, Mendez, about the same size as Barnhill performed a feat never equalled by a moundsman of any color. Before a packed ball park in his native cuba he defeated the great CHRISTY MATHEWSON, of John McGraw's "Giants" of the National League and Napoleon (Nep) Rucker, one of the five greatest southpaws in baseball history. SEP 1 - 1943

The wonder of it all was that Mendez licked Matty on a Monday and two days after returned to the pitching hill to whip Rucker. McGraw wired the club owners and baseball writers of America something like this: "I have just seen the greatest pitcher of all-time. Were his skin other than black. I would sign him to a $10,000 a year contract." But the tragedy of this brief epistle lies in the fact that . . . his SKIN WAS BLACK?????

That feat of Mendez's started us ten years later (age 22) crusading for the admittance of Negro ball players into the big leagues and . . . we'll never cease campaigning for that. SEP 1 - 1943

His equal in ability, and many claim his superior, was "Smoky" Joe Williams, or as some called him because of his great speed . . . "Cyclone." Williams matched his skill against twenty or thirty of the best white pitchers in the United States, cradle, of baseball. His record will show victories over three-fourths of them. Sunday after Sunday this current season, my wife and I have walked over to Williams and shook his hand. Time has been most kind to this whale of a man.

Standing about 6 feet six inches, he is still straight as an arrow and lean of flank. A much larger man than Joe Louis, Williams at some 55 years of age makes one think he could go out and twirl two innings against any team on earth . . . even today. We often think that the Creator cast away the mould that turned out Williams, Mendez, Dick Redding, "Knuck" James, Pete Hill, Spottswood Poles, Frank Duncan, Army (Bullett) Rogan, Donaldson, Rube Foster, Willie Foster, "Bingo" DeMoss, Terrienti, Oscar Charleston, Jimmy (Speedboy) Lyons, Cockrell, Flouiney, Sol White, Topsy Monroe, Home Run Johnson, Oliver Marcelle, Bustaments, Gonzales, Chacon, Valdez, Lindsey, etc., etc.

Vacationists from the deep south studying at Columbia university have crowded both the Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium each time Barnhill and the veteran Paige have hooked up. Should some of them still be in town on this September date (we doubt it though) we personally recommend this last meeting of the season. In light of the recent "Harlem-mistake" we are comforted by the turnout of many thousands of white fans. These fans struggle up to colored gentlemen and ladies and discuss the merits of this or that Negro diamond star. This is a healthy sign in the interests of racial unity and better understanding on tomorrow when a peace comes.

New Yorkers Surprise With Twin Killing

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—The baseball miracle of the current season took place last Sunday afternoon at Yankee Stadium before a gathering of 12,000 fans, celebrating Elks' Day, when the lowly Black Yankees rose up in high defiance and smote the Black Crackers from Atlanta, 9 to 1, and the St. Louis Stars, 7 to 2, for a double victory. Even the Semler men were surprised at their audacity, for hitheerto the Yanks considered it a moral victory if they held the opposition to less than ten runs.

In the second and feature contest of the day against the Stars the Semler men played their best ball of the year and kayoed the highly touted mound star, Lefty Boone, in slightly more than an inning.

Although the southpaw eventually retired the Yankees in the first via the strikeout route he gave up two runs on Baker's single, Barker's walk and Adams' sparkling single to centerfield. After Zack Clayton opened the second frame with a double down the left field line, Boone was yanked in favor of Walker. The latter was greeted by Kemp's single which scored Clayton. After Miller reached first on an infield hit, Barker doubled to bring both Miller and Kemp home for a 5 to 0 lead.

In the first half of the third, Pitcher Walker tripled to deep left center and scored on Kemp's passed ball. The Semler men came back with two big tallies in their half of the canto when Adams singled, went forward on Clayton's single and then scampered home together with Zack on Kemp's screaming double. After this the Yankees contented themselves protecting their lead yielding but one more run in the seventh. Bob McCallister was called in from the outfield to quell the home team in the sixth, and pitched flawless ball for three innings.

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COMEDY OF ERRORS

The first game proved to be a comedy of errors so far as the highly touted Atlantans were concerned. It was the general consensus that the Southerners were suffering a case of jitters and were stage struck performing in the vast Yankee Stadium for the first time. Before the visitors could retire the home club in the opening frame six big Yankee runs crossed the platter. After Baker grounded out the next six men hit safely and were pushed all the way cross the plate. Harry Williams, playing Yankee manager, highlighted the attack in this inning with a three bagger that scored two mates ahead of him.

While the Yankee pushed across runs in the 3rd, 4th and 8th heats, veteran Lefty Stanley held his opponents at bay with six scattered hits and one run. His mate Bob Forrest was just as effective on the mound in the second contest against the St. Louis nine yielding but six bingles striking out six men.

J. Finley Wilson, Exalted Ruler of the Elk's pitched the first ball to open the second game. Father Divine's boxer, St. Thomas, was introduced to the crowd.

FIRST GAME

	R.	H.	E.
Black Crackers 000 010 000	1	6	4
Yankees 601 100 01x	9	16	0

Burns, Pritchett, Echols, and McFarland; Stanley and Kemp.

SECOND GAME

ST. LOUIS STARS	AB.	R.	H.	E.	BLACK YANKS	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Jones, ss	4	0	0	0	Baker,ss	4	1	1	0
Wilson,3b	4	0	1	0	Miller,3b	4	1	1	0
P'ker,lf-cf	4	0	1	0	Barker,cf	3	1	2	0
Ford,2b	4	0	0	0	H.W'ms,2b	4	0	0	0
McA'r,p-cf	4	0	0	0	Averett,lf	4	1	1	0
Gray,c	4	1	2	0	Adams,rf	3	1	2	0
Shelton,rf	4	0	0	0	Clayton,1b	4	1	2	0
Turner,1b	3	0	0	0	Kemp,c	4	1	0	0
Boone,p	0	0	0	0	Forrest,p	2	0	0	0
Walker,p	1	1	1	0					
Ca'houn,lf	2	0	1	0					
Totals	34	2	6	1	Totals	32	7	10	2

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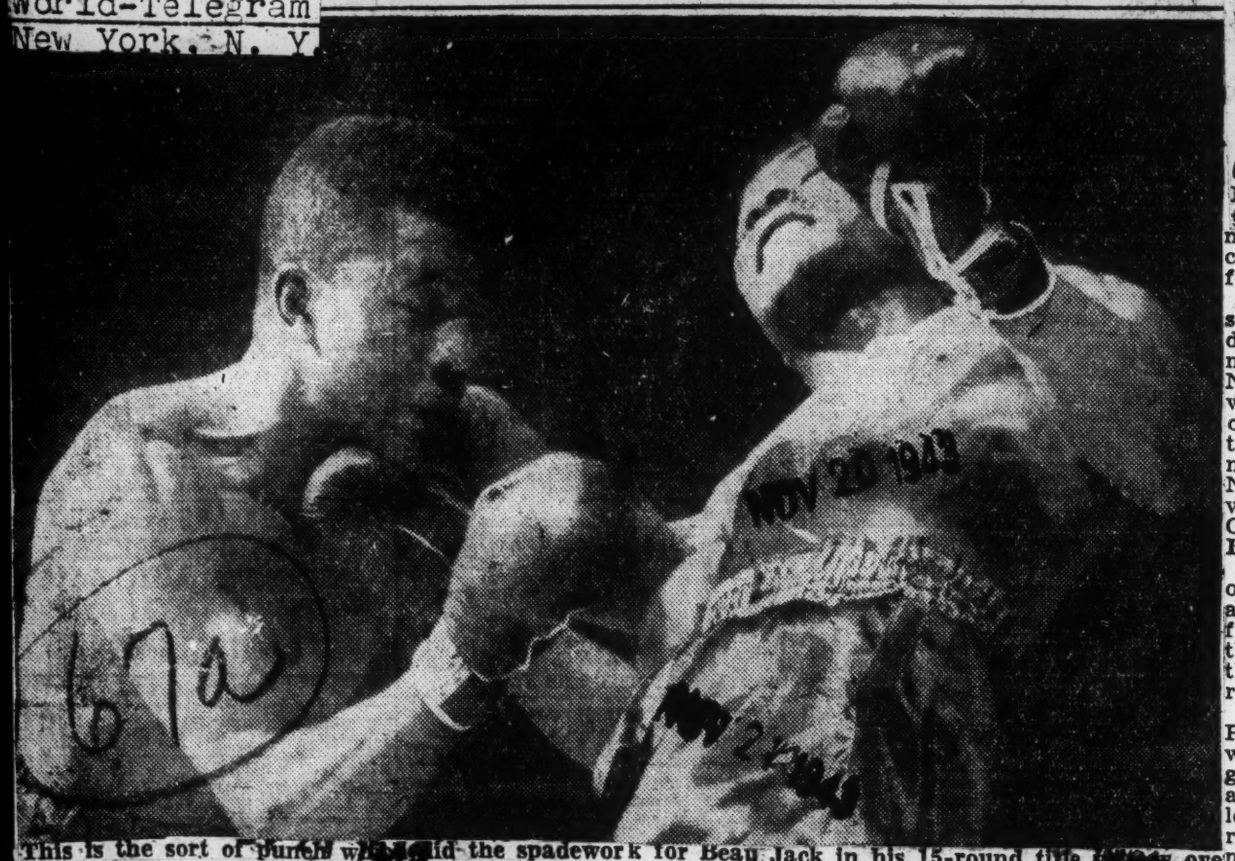
Summary—Two-base hits—Clayton, Baker. Three-base hit—Kemp. Hit by pitched ball—By Walker, Gray. Struck out by Walker, Adams. Balk—McAllister. Base on balls by Boone 1, by Forest 6. Stolen base—Ford, Wilson. Umpires—Gholston and Moore.

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Uppercut Beau's Short Cut to Title

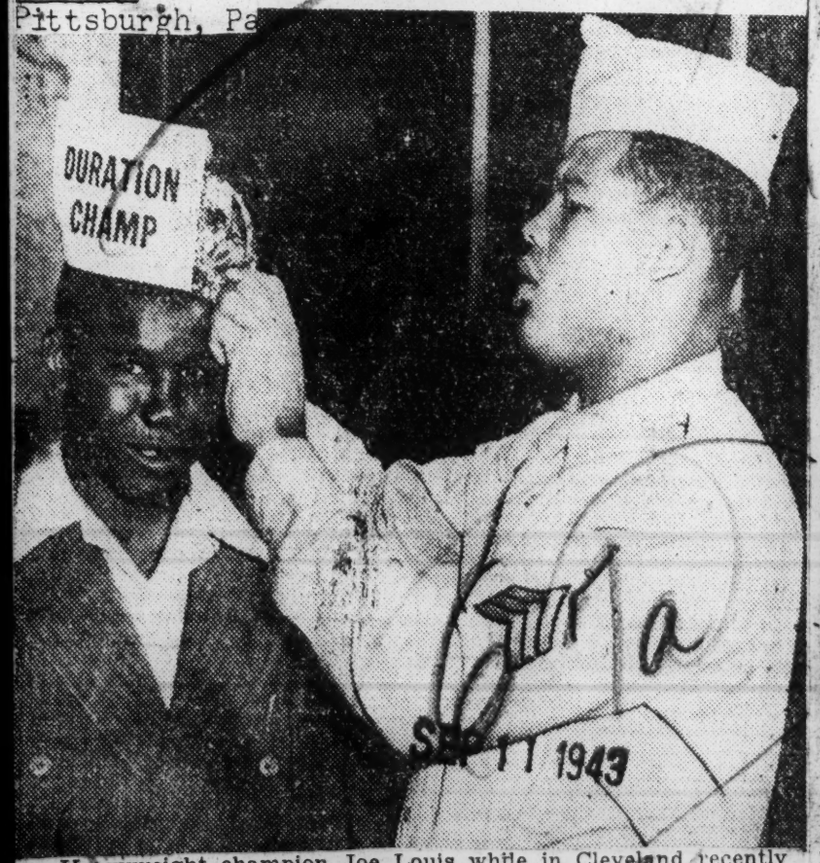
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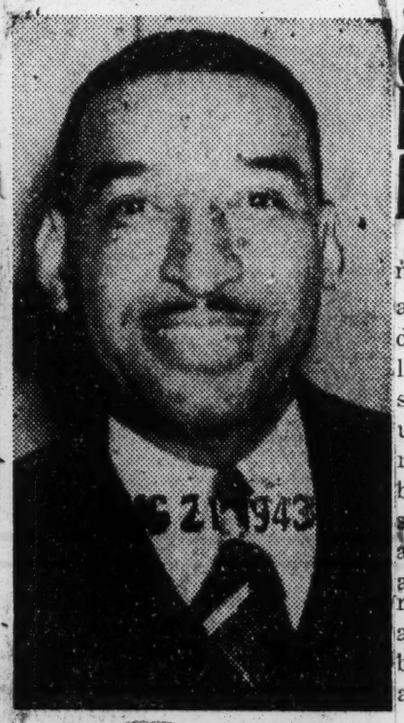
This is the sort of punch which did the spadework for Beau Jack in his 15-round title victory over Bob Montgomery last night at the Garden. You can see the pain in Bob's face as the blow lands.

THE CHAMPION CROWNS A "CHAMP" COMMISSIONER

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa



Heavyweight champion Joe Louis while in Cleveland recently placed upon the bronze brow of Jimmy Bivins the "Duration Crown" of the heavyweight division. Bivins is rated the top heavyweight in the country not in the armed service. He is married and the father of two children. Jimmy meets Melio Bettina in Cleveland next week.—International News Photo.



Dr. C. B. Powell, president and editor of the Amsterdam News, New York City, was named by Governor Dewey to the State Athletic Commission—the first Negro member of the body which directs boxing and wrestling.—INS Photo.

New York Editor On Boxing Commission

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—(ANP)—Dr. C. B. Powell, president of Victory Mutual Life Insurance company and president and editor of the New York Amsterdam News, last Thursday became the first Negro to become a member of the New York State Athletic commission. Announcement of his appointment came from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey from the Capitol in Albany.

The naming of Dr. Powell to the state athletic commission, which deals primarily with boxing, climaxes a long fight on the part of New York Negroes since the days when James J. Walker was mayor of New York City to gain recognition for the race on this policy making body. There have been Negro commissioners in Pennsylvania, Michigan, California and Ohio.

RECOGNIZED NEED

Because boxing has been developed in late years on the ability and drawing power of colored fighters, it has become apparent that a Negro should be placed on the commission. This situation was recognized by Gov. Dewey.

When asked for a statement Dr. Powell declared, "All individuals with athletic ability can be sure of getting a break. I hope that my actions as a member of the athletic commission will serve as a recommendation to other government officials to appoint qualified memebrs of our group to policy making bodies so that all citizens will be represented."

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

C.I.A.A. Lowers Eligibility Rule For The Duration

HAMPTON, Va.—In a determined effort to place all available man-power possible at the disposal of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association a special executive session last Saturday at Hampton adopted the relaxing of the association's most binding eligibility rule. The association went on record "That all CIAA eligibility rules be and are hereby modified for the duration of the war so that all available students shall be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics."

Football Front Very Indefinite

Modification of the old stern rule came at a time when even its adoption offers very little hope that CIAA football will be continued. The rule makes possible the use of all undergraduates pursuing regular courses in college and men in the armed services connected with the college by assignment for special courses and training. Each college or institution will be its own judge of the standards regarding the eligibility of their athletes. The only restriction of the CIAA conference is that no graduate may return, taking one of the post-graduate courses, just to compete in his favorite sport.

At this writing (Wednesday) a wire has been received from Coach Rivero, of Lincoln University, that there would be no football at his institution this season. Another doubtful participant in CIAA football for the duration is Howard University, although no final word has been received regarding action taken by the trustees. Howard was hit by the man-power shortage long before the war and what football loving schools are going through is old stuff to followers of the Blue and White. The trainee program, now in effect at Howard, also presents a problem. The trainees work from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., having no time at all for practice, and those freshmen reporting are 17 years of age and under.

With Shaw University, St Paul, St. Augustine, and North Carolina, all having previously announced football out for the duration and Lincoln University's dropping by the wayside today, the revised CIAA schedule released as of Saturday is of little or no value. All schools have the right to cancel games up until they are played, according to conference officials.

Athletes in Service

The conference also went on record to memorialize those former stars who have died in the service. A motion passed whereby the following former CIAA athletes will be given pictorial display with appropriate memorial expressions in the forthcoming issue of the CIAA Bulletin: Hampton, the latter killed in an football and basketball star, Richard Davis, of killed at Camp LeJune Marine Gilbert Frazier, Virginia Union; Lt. base; Third Class Petty Officer Alva Johnson, former Morgan College captain; Lt. Paul Taylor, also from Morgan; Lt. Ennas Cave, of St. Paul and Virginia Institute.

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ARMY BOXERS CHEER WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Defender
Chicago, Ill



First Sgt. George Nicholson, left, and Cpl. George J. (California Jackie) Wilson look on as Sgt. Joe Louis autographs the leg cast on Pfc. Robert Pettigrew of Bluefield, W. Va., in the Station hospital at Fort Eustis, Va., Sept. 14. Nicholson later took on Louis in an exhibition match, while Wilson went through three rounds with Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, of Camp Hill, Va.—Photo by Cpl. George Arend, Fort Eustis Special Service office.



Pvt. John A. Wentz, who was wounded in Africa, gets a personal visit from (left to right) Cpl. Jackie Wilson, 1st Sgt. George Nicholson and Cpl. Ray Robinson during their tour of the wards at Tilton hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. The boxing stars also visited the wards at the Fort Dix Station hospital when they arrived at Fort Dix to put on a boxing exhibition with Sgt. Joe Louis for the War department.—U. S. Army photo.

Sgt. Louis' Army Tour Helps Negro-White Goodwill--LIFE

Daily Worker, New York, N. Y.

(The current issue of LIFE magazine has a two-page spread devoted to the tour of Joe Louis around the nation's Army posts. In nine photos Sgt. Joe is shown boxing with George Nicholson, watching a parade of Army nurses, autographing a wounded soldier's chest cast and visiting a large group of wounded men. In an article which accompanies the pictures LIFE points out that Joe's visits are valuable not only because they provide entertainment for the men but because they help create good-will among Negro and white soldiers. . . . We reprint the article here. . . Ed. Note.)

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"At Fort Devens, Mass., on Aug. 30, Sergeant Joe Louis began a 100-day boxing and physical-fitness tour under auspices of the Army's Special Service Division. His day at Devens was typical of the crowded routine of handshaking, oratory and boxing which he will pursue at training camps, posts and stations from coast to coast during the next three months. At each he will fight three two-minute rounds with his old sparring partner, First Sergeant George Nicholson.

"To those who remember the tongue-tied, taciturn title-winner of six years ago, Joe's present personality is a revelation of what metamorphoses public lige and Army life can work. Affable and at home on his feet, he gives a gracious and fluent talk on physical fitness and how to be a good soldier. He responds quickly and good-humoredly to unceasing questions fired at him by soldier fans. The most frequent question was, "How much do you weigh now?" Answer: "Just 215. That's ten pounds over my fighting weight." Question: "Who's the hardest puncher you ever fought?" Answer: "Max Baer, but he never hit me."

"The next 100 days will be no picnic for Joe, for apart from the physical exertion of daily boxing he will have the strain of constant public appearance. At the end of his swing the Army hopes to send him on a tour overseas. There is no doubt that Joe's trip has proved a success from its inception. And in it many find not only educational and morale-building values, but also a quiet parable in racial good will, for hard-working Joe makes a good impression and hundreds of white soldiers, officers and men, are proud to shake his hand."



JOE LOUIS

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Joe Louis and Wife Said to Separate

Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK—Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, and his wife, Marva, are rumored to have again reached the parting of the ways. Louis is said to have admitted that he and his wife are not living together. She has taken up residence in New York and to have said that she and her husband have not discussed a settlement. Tribune 25 1943

Mrs. Louis is studying voice culture, and the champion is on a tour of Army camps giving exhibitions in boxing.

Reno-Bound?

Courier

Not Living Together Any More

Pittsburgh, Pa.

By JULIA B. JONES

The Joe Louis Barrows have not yet agreed to call it a day . . . but they are moving into the twilight of their eight-year-old romance.

This fact became known to me here over the week-end when Sergeant Joe, heavyweight champion of the world, admitted to the writer in an exclusive interview that he and his pretty wife had separated.

Contacted by long distance telephone at her New York hotel, where she has taken up residence for the time being, Marva also admitted the separation.

"Yes, we are separated," Mrs. Louis said, "but we have discussed no settlement nor have we decided upon anything definite."

SEPARATION MAY LEAD TO DIVORCE

The champion, usually so reluctant to speak, paid me a special visit and asked that I handle the story. Details of the separation were not disclosed, but people who have followed the married life of the famous couple have realized for some time that their marital ship had been approaching the reefs.

Whether or not the separation will eventually lead to Reno and the divorce courts of that state, neither the champion nor Marva would say.

Mrs. Louis is studying voice training in New York, eyeing a career in the entertainment world, while the champion appeared Monday at Camp Shenango, Pa., as a part of a morale building unit now touring a number of Army camps in various sections of the countrfy.

Seven-months-old Jacqueline Louis Barrow is with her mother.

SEPARATION!



Marva and Joe both admit that they are not living together as man and wife any more. The story, a Courier exclusive, was revealed to Julia B. Jones Saturday. The pictures above show the famous couple before they drifted apart.

Ray Robinson To Accompany Champ On Trip

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To Start 100-Day Trek in Boston to Visit Many Camps; Morale Mission to Be Sent Abroad

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19—The Army Public Relations bureau, through Capt. Carroll Fitzgeald, announced Monday that Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, commencing Sunday, August 18, would start on a service command that will carry him and his personnel of fighters on a 100-day tour of U.S. Army training camps.

Accompanying Louis on the tour will be Sgt. George Nicholson, the champ's sparring mate, who is stationed at Mitchell Field in New York as special instructor in physical fitness, and Cpl. Walter Smith, known in boxing circles as Ray "Sugar" Robinson, who is an assistant to Sergeant Nicholson at Mitchell Field.

TO TOUR FOREIGN FRONTS

The War Department announced also that plans had been set forth whereby the mission will be dispatched to war fronts all over the world, when the campaign among American camps comes to a close.

The champion will be seen in actual demonstration in boxing sessions with his aides, and will make speeches at all camps, the text of which will be, "A Well-Conditioned Army Is a Fighting Army."

The War Office was swamped with calls when 120 camps, with requests that the champ be allowed to visit them. The length of the visits have been arbitrarily kept to the 100-day limit, hoping that as many camps as is possible may be covered in that span of time.

OPEN IN BOSTON

Fort George Meade, Eastern dispersing Army camp, had a preview of the champ and his mates on Monday night, August 16. The trek will commence in Boston at three Army camps—Camp Devons, Camp Miles Standish and Camp Edwards, where the tour will be officially inaugurated. The venture will require visits into nine service commands and should last to about December 1, 1943.

Announcements were made that demonstrations abroad will be made in or very close to actual fields of action.

Sgt. Joe Louis Tours Army Camps

Boston, Mass

Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, in company with his old sparring partner, 1st Sgt. George Nicholson, now a boxing instructor at Micthel Field, N. Y. is making a 100-day tour of boxing exhibitions at Army Camps within the United States.

Guardian

Divorce Will Come After War Wife Reveals

Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

Reconciliation Is Impossible, Marva Discloses

NEW YORK -- (ANP)— The marriage of Joe and Marva is on the rocks

This climax to the romance of the world's heavyweight boxing champion Sgt. Joe Louis, and the gorgeous Marva Trotter, was confirmed last week by Marva in a statement to reporters at her suite in the Hotel Theresa. Later her soldier-husband also admitted the rift from an a[illegible] Fort Wayne, Ind., where he is [illegible] on tour.

"We've tried but we've failed," said Marva. "In all our eight years of marriage we've hardly been together a whole year. It has been impossible for Joe and me to really learn to know each other. There have been so many demands on his time. Training camps, tours and the stress of social engagements have meant long separations. This, as I see it, is the cause of our failure to make it with each other."

WAITED FOR BABY

That all has not been harmony in the Louis household in recent months was indicated by the next statement of Marva who declared: "We would have taken this step before, if [illegible] for the baby. Both of us are crazy about her. We thought that she might be able to hold us together. But now it seems that any further reconciliation is impossible.

Mrs. Louis stated that although she and the champ had agreed to live apart neither comtemplated a divorce before the war is ended. Meantime Jacqueline will remain with her. After the legal split Joe said he expected to share the baby with his wife for an equal number of months each year.

Marva is in New York to study voice and dramatics, and revealed she expects to remain here until January. She however, denied persistent rumors that she will join a well known hot jazz band as a featured vocalist.

HAS NO PLANS

"I have no immediate plans other than to continue my war activities," she said. "After the first of the year I'll decide what to do."

Louis and Marva were married in 1935 a few hours before he stepped into the ring at Madison Square Garden to knock out former heavyweight champion Max Baer. In 1941 divorce action was instituted by Marva but was later withdrawn when the fighting kingpin affected a reunion.

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Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON

Declaring that the exhibition tour to camps throughout the country, that has been arranged for him by the War Department, is just "warm-up practice for the real fight," Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, told a group of wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital, Monday that "the final bouts will be held in Berlin and Tokio."

Joe has the bouts all worked out. He will personally take care of Hitler and Sugar Ray Robinson will be dispatched to Japan to "whip the life out of slant-eyed Tojo," he stated.

Joe's newly acquired sense of humor was at its best as he cracked jokes and briefly replied to most of the questions.

"I have already met one of Hitler's men," Joe stated to the 400-odd wounded men, "and he was not bad at all. I am sure that I can take Hitler in the first." (He had reference to Max Schmeling).

Soldiers Beam

The soldiers, most of whom have expereinced life in front-line foxholes, simply beamed their appreciation for the privilege of seeing Joe.

"Where are you going to hold your bout with Hitler," a crippled soldier asked.

"Right in the main street of Berlin," Joe answered, "and all are welcomed."

Sergeant Louis told the boys that he thought a fighter had passed his prime after he has reached the age of 31 or 32. (Joe is 29).

After visiting the ward, Joe visited about 500 soldiers at Forest Glenn, annex to Walter Reed.

To Visit Hospitals

Joe has been granted permission by the War Department to visit all hospitals where wounded soldiers are stationed, during his boxing tour, which opened at Fort Devens, Mass., Monday, the AFRO learned this week.

Such action was taken after Sergeant Louis expressed the desire to do all the good he could while on tour. He doesn't mind working night and day to make the tour a success.

"If the soldiers are wounded and can't come out to the exhibitions, " Louis stated, "then we should go in to see them."

CHAMPION JOE LOUIS IN BOSTON

Boston, MassGuardian

(KNE[illegible]) when Joe Louis, the champion of champions, visited Boston after his Fort Devens exhibition on Monday, August 30, he dropped in to the Little Dixie and the New Savoy just like anybody else without any fanfare or show.

Word soon reached the avenue that Joe Louis was in Little Dixie and immediately everybody who could get in went there just to see "Joe."

Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow of the U S Army is a real champion. He has no mannerisms or peculiar ways. Neither has he any temperament for public display. He shook hands, gave autographs and danced with Others in Joe Louis' party were Pvt. Jackie Wilson, sterling welterweight and first Sergeant George Nicholson, Joe's old sparring partner. Hazel Diaz, Little Dixie's deluxe entertainer.

In Joe's party were Corporal Ray Robinson who shows his hero a boxing lession. As you of all the army camps in the know "Sugar" is the uncrown-

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Mama and Papa Now

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SERGEANT AND MRS. who are now parents of a seven-pound five-ounce daughter, Marva Joe, born at Provident Hospital, Chicago, on Monday. Joe, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., is expected to visit his first-born as soon as he can get away. He and Marva had decided beforehand on the name. Had it been a boy, the name would have been Joe, Jr.

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Johnson Or Louis Better?–Fans Are Still Undecided

Bee Chicago, Ill
APR 4 1943

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 1—Fight fans out here on the coast, are undecided as to whether or not to agree with a certain fight enthusiast who, a few weeks ago in the have whipped Joe Louis. Johnson, in his prime, could easily have whipped Joe Louis John-son, now 64, was recently given a permit to fight a few rounds of 2 minutes each in an exhibition, was, according to the aforementioned enthusiast, a master of the game, and would have made Louis look silly in the ring.

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Those of us who remember Jack when he was at his best, are agreed that Li'l Arthur was a master of the technique of boxing, especially as a defensive fighter. And he could hit hard too, make no mistake about that. He proved his hitting power when he met Tommy Burns in Australia for the championship. In the first round Jack hit Burns one that sent the white man all the way back across the ring and down to the canvass. It almost proved to be a one-punch knockout; but Tommy finally got up just before the bell.

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Louis excells Johnson in hitting power, it is believed, but the question is: "Would Louis be able to hit Johnson a solid blow before the "Big Smoke" socked the Bomber for the count? That is a moot question and is still unanswered.

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"MEET MISS JACQUELINE LOUIS, AGE ONE MONTH

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Daughter of Heavyweight Champ Joe Louis, little Jacqueline, poses for her first pictures to celebrate her first birthday at the age of a month. Miss Louis will be traveling soon on a trip to California to see her daddy, who is hard at work in a film version of "This Is The Army" in Hollywood. (See full page of pictures on

Joe Louis May Fight Again If War And Father Time Don't 'Count Him Out'

Pittsburgh Courier
JUL 10 1943

"If the war doesn't last too long and if Father Time doesn't count me out, I may fight again," declared Joe, the heavyweight champion (Sergeant) Joe Louis, in an interview here Monday.

The champion, looking dapper and trim in his sergeant's uniform, was here for an Independence Day celebration sponsored by the Soho Community association.

"Yep, I still consider Billy Conn as the No. 1 challenger, with Jimmy Bivins the second best man in the field," Joe responded to questions about just who would be the two best or most logical contenders.

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Asked about his weight, Louis replied that he was tipping the scales at 219.

"That's about my normal weight when I'm out of training," Joe declared. "When I went back into the ring against Conn I was down about 15 pounds like I usually am in order to get down to my best fighting weight."

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While in Pittsburgh Joe appeared as guest referee at an amateur boxing show in Terrace Village, then attended a banquet held in his honor at the Centre Avenue YMCA.

Judge Ralph H. Smith and State Legislator Homer S. Brown were among the prominent guests.

When asked how he liked his role as a fighter in the movies in the film, "This Is the Army," Joe declared that it was all right, but he didn't like it as well as he did

CHICAGO, June 9—INS—Joe Louis ver... His denial, which came 12 hours... was practically dictated from... Louis in order to ease the more... any more... on June 22.—The largest crowd ever assembled in the Fort Custer Field House, estimated by officers at 5,000 soldiers, watched Mr. Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, in a 3-round exhibition with Jacobs, who was having him-pion, in a 3-round exhibition with swift, enduring pang in the... his old sparring mate, Sgt. George Nicholson of Mitchell Field, last night. Louis' appearance here was one of 100 such exhibitions scheduled in a cross-country tour of army camps and stations.

In a preliminary card the Fort Custer soldier boxing team dropped its match with the Madison Athletic Club of Chicago, 3 to 2. Robinson and Jackie

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Wilson, ... Louis troupe, ... boxed an exhibition ... Tiger Flowers left today for Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapo-lis.

5000 Soldiers See Louis Box

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Not Likely To Fight Again

FORT CUSTER, Mich., Sept. ... (By the Associated Press.) ... Joe hasn't been doing any fighting—other than in the picture ... he has been doing a good job of training two fine boxing teams out at Fort Riley, including about 40 fighters.

The statement he therefore sanctioned to this effect at Fort Riley, a year ago, was strictly a leveling job with Joe, who always an honest-answer guy. Saw no reason why he shouldn't give the correct reply when asked a direct question.

Joe Louis' Own Story Of His Greatest Thrill

Weekly Review
Birmingham, Ala.

March 26, 1943



(By Joe Louis, Heavyweight Champion of the World)

As told to Herman Hill, Staff Correspondent—Pittsburgh Courier.

March 20, 1943

I have had a lot of thrills since I started fighting back in 1933 as an amateur, but the greatest of them all was the night I won the heavyweight championship of the world from Jim Braddock. That fight was in Chicago on the night of June 22, 1937. I knocked him out in the eighth round after a hard fight and became the champion of the most prized division in boxing.

More Like Daddy Every Day

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.



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That Jacquelin, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Louis Barrow, grows to look more like her famous daddy each day, is seen in the photograph above where the two and one-half months' old "Princess of Fistiana" is shown with her mother. Mrs. Barrow, with the aid of associates, recently completed a bond drive in which $200,000 in bonds were sold. Sergeant Barrow, world's heavyweight champion, is now in Los Angeles, Calif., where he is engaged in making the picture, "This Is the Army."



World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

By Joe Williams

Other Stars Will Follow Louis Abroad

The War Department has assigned Sgt. Joe Louis to give boxing exhibitions at the army posts of the world. This is a smart move. It should draw no criticism. The sergeant's patriotism is well established. If they had assigned him to the Pacific or the Mediterranean it would have been just the same to him. Thanks to his peculiar gifts he can perform better back of the lines than at the front. And if this is true of him it should be true of other illustrious names in sports. We think you can look for similar assignments in the near future. We happen to know authoritatively big things for sports are cooking in Washington.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Joe Louis Is 13 Pounds Overweight

NEW YORK — (SNS) — Sergeant Joe Louis, the heavyweight king, has fattened up considerably in his army life. Visiting here on a furlough, the champion confessed he weighs 220 pounds. His maximum weight in the ring was 207½ when he knocked out Abe Simon in March, 1942.

In an interview in Denver, Colo., Friday, Private Bob Pastor expressed doubt that "either Joe Louis or I will ever fight again."

Pastor added that he has request a transfer from the infantry at Camp Hale, Colo., where emphasis is on stamina and endurance to the Air Forces "where I can utilize my training in athletics." He did say, however, that if the war ends by next Friday, he'll box Joe Louis again.

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George Wilson and Pvt. George Ten thousands soldier boxing fans witnessed the presentation and whooped it up as the champion went through his paces.

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Baltimore, Maryland

Joe Louis Now Weighing 219, Says He Could Fight Four Years from Now

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Louis Stages Exhibition At Fort Meade

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Atlanta, Georgia

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LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(ANP)—Sgt. Joe Louis, chaperoned by Sgt. Jackie Robinson faced Sgt. Sgt. the War Department, told sports writers last week that: "I could fight four years from now" thus indicating that he did not intend to hang up his gloves in the event of a long global conflict.

The heavyweight champion now weighs 219 pounds but could get into trim to [illegible] within eight weeks, he asserted, adding that that of the present crop of challengers he would prefer meeting Billy Conn.

Regarding his previous bout with Conn which he won on a thirteenth-round knockout, Louis said he sensed the end in the twelfth when [illegible]

In another exhibition Sugar Ray appear- [illegible] tour of army camps [illegible] Tuesday night at Meade, Md., where [illegible] went. After the bouts, Louis presented his boxing gloves to Col O. C. Wood, commandant of the post.

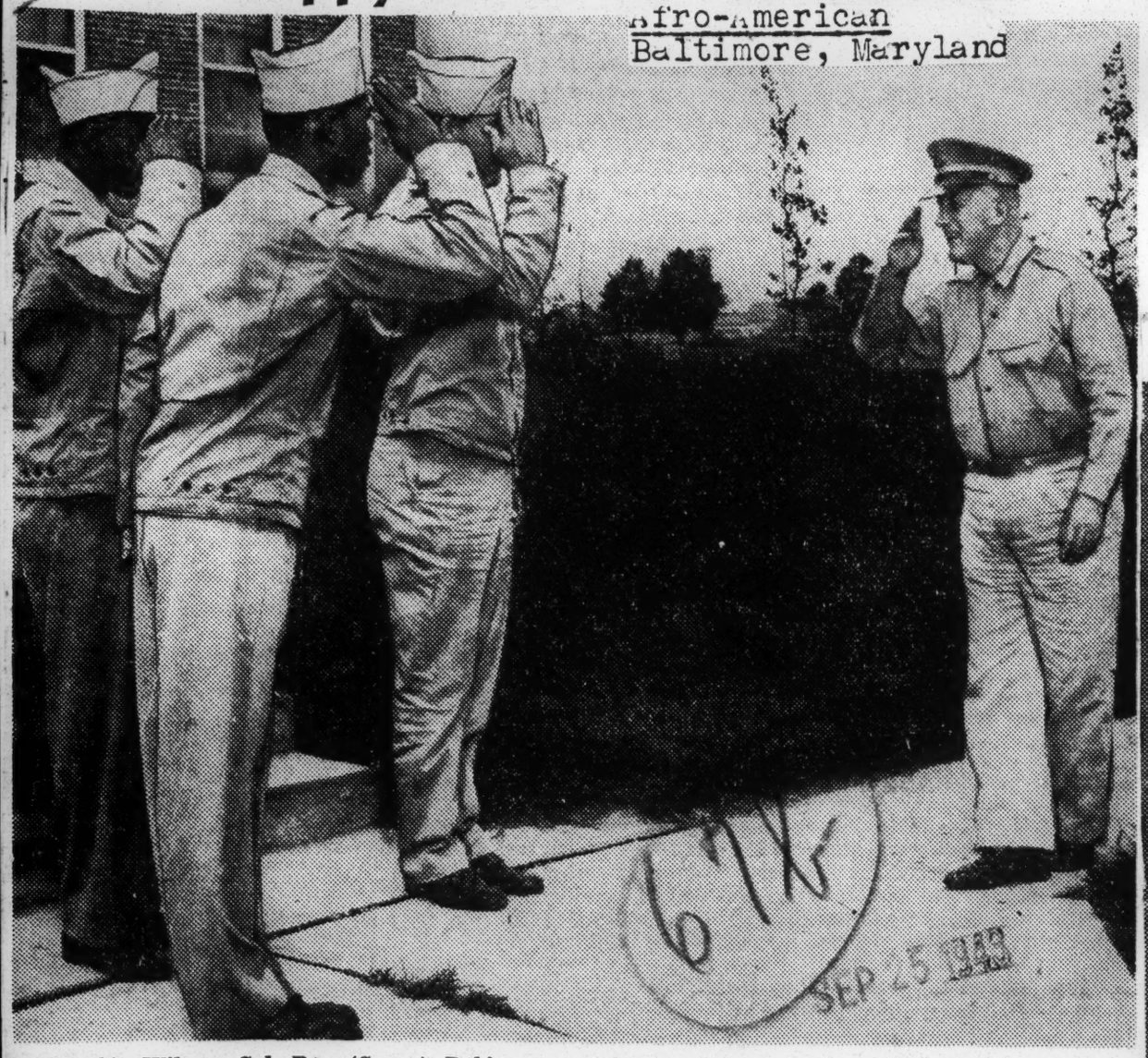
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Joe Louis made his initial [illegible] through three rounds [illegible] ance on the 100 day [illegible] where he [illegible] active duty at Fort Riley, Kans., on June 21.

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A Snappy Salute for the Colonel

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland



Cpl. Jackie Wilson, Cpl. Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Sgt. Joe Louis, left to right, salute snappily Co C. M. Doswell, post commander, upon their arrival at Fort Dix (New Jersey) one of the stops on Joe' 100-day army tour and boxing exhibition.

Marva Louis, Joe's Wife, to Go on Stage

New York, N. Y.
OCT 26 1943
Daily Worker

Slender, almond-eyed Marva Louis—wife of the heavyweight champion—will go on the stage in December, because she and Sergeant Joe need cash.

Mrs. Louis, an attractive golden-brown girl in a fitted black crepe dress, announced yesterday at the Theresa Hotel in Harlem.

Although Champion Joe took down purses totalling $2,374,866 during his busy ring career, the Louises now have no income, she said, Joe's earnings ceased when he entered the army in January, 1942. Meanwhile their heavy expenses continued.

Standing in the Theresa lobby, Marva Trotter Louis gave her pompadoured page-boy coiffure a reassuring pat, and said: "We're not broke. We have certain properties and other possessions. But they provide no income; and the properties must be kept up. And we have other commitments such as two large families to take care of—and the expense of keeping my two nieces in college."

THERE'S JACQUELINE TOO

Then Marva chuckled, jigging her silver earrings and necklace. "And I almost forgot—there's Jacqueline, too." Jacqueline is the Louise' eight-month-old daughter. She is in New York with mamma

Marva, the former Chicago stenographer who married Bomber Joe just before his million-dollar fight with Maxie Baer, September 24, 1936, said she decided last August to go on the stage. She has been studying in New York since then; except for a two-weeks visit to Chicago when Joe had a furlough. Husband Joe is now on an exhibition tour of army camps that will keep him busy until January.

Mrs. Louis explained, "at first Joe didn't want me to go on the stage. But he finally consented. It seemed the only way I could earn a fair amount of money. People who should know thought I had some talent. I had helped entertain at army camps in the Chicago area, and the reactions were favorable. So here I am."

Marva will make her debut in December as a vaudeville songstress, she said. Where or with whom she does not know yet. That's up to her manager, Bill Graham. Meanwhile she is working "eight hours a day" in preparation. She is studying under Del Lambert, a song stylist, and Anita Loew, a voice specialist.

She admitted, with a smile, "I may do a bit of dancing too. But that's incidental. My singing is the thing." She concluded, "I do hope I make good—I hope I go over. It will mean so much to Joe and me and our families."

Joe Gives Until It Hurts

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.



Associated Press Photo

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is determined to go all-out on his 100-day tour of service camps. He told his sparring partner, George Nicholson, shown above following instructions, not to spare the punches. When he isn't boxing, Joe is giving the servicemen ring instructions or visiting hospital wards. "Gotta earn my check, you know," says Joe.

Sgt. Joe Louis Has Eye on Retirement at Age of 32

Washington, D. C.
Washington Tribune

CAMP KILMER, New Jersey—While waiting to box three exhibition rounds with First Sergeant George Nicholson here, Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow leaned against the pillars of his cottage and talked with interviewers about his future in the Army and the ring.

"The Army has kept me in be very helpful," Sergeant Louis said. "Between fights be continued. "Not only will it in- service I used still the physical fitness idea a- and do nothing mong the men, but many soldiers me. However, will take up fighting as a career in good condi- when the war is over. t of walking, "My one ambition," he added, gs strong, and "is to retire as the undefeated the rest. heavyweight boxing champion of hese plans de- the world."

"I am 29 years old now and great shape. Between hope to retire from the ring fore entering the service I am 32. That's about the to lounge around and do a man of my weight tion. I do a lot of walking, and the regular hours do the rest. It seems weight can retain his peak of ef- now I am always in good shape "Of course, all these now. If I were called upon to pend on the duration of the war,"

It was an entirely differen when I'm age at which a heavy for months at a time. Joe Louis, too. Gone were all maximum the traces of shyness. the Army, through closer associ ficiency. ation with many men has ma doesn't use up as much energy which keeps my legs st tured the Brown Bomber and as a lighter weight man. given him greater confidence and "I'm in pretty self-assurance. Louis no longer groped for defend my title, all I need is a- he added with a grin. words as he evaluated his fu bout eight weeks of conditioning. "I think my current tour will

Talks With Soldier Patients, Besides Box on Country - Wide Army Tour



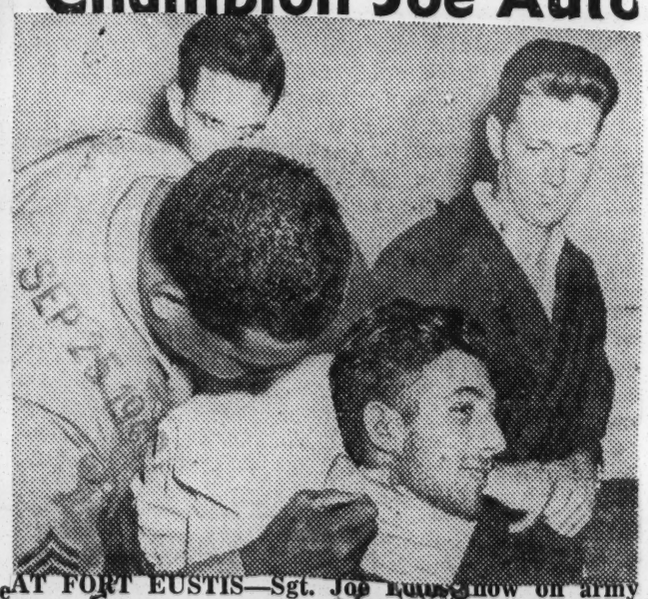
JOE OBLIGES 'EM ALL—Here the world champ pauses to autograph the leg cast on Pfc. Robert Pettigrew, Bluefield, W.Va., at Fort Eustis's hospital, as Nicholson and Jackie Wilson watch approvingly. Wilson later boxed three rounds with Sgt. Jimmy Edgar of Camp Hill, Va., and Joe sparred three rounds with Nicholson.



JOE'S PARTNERS HELP—Also at Fort Eustis, 1st Sgt. George Nicholson and Cpl. George J. (California Jackie) Wilson, members of Louis's touring party, help sign autographs. Here Pvt. Leroy Langford of Baltimore, Md., is highly pleased as Nicholson signs.



POPULAR AMONG THE PATIENTS—The 29-year-old champion was the patients' most popular visitor at Fort Eustis, being swamped for autographs everywhere he went. Here soldiers as well as patients, colored and white crowd around the bed of Pvt. Oden McCollister, Wilmington, Del., awaiting their turn for the champ's signature.



AT FORT EUSTIS—Sgt. Joe Louis, now on army tour, visited the Station Hospital, where he autographed cast around neck of Pvt. William Rua, bringing joy to the bed-fast patient.—(Photo by Cpl. George Arend.)

To the Heavyweight Champ

New York, N. Y. PM

Dear Joe—And I do mean Louis:

I catch a heavyweight fight at the Garden Friday night and, if you were in the ring, you wouldn't even catch cold. See what I mean?



This Lee Savold, a hammered-down ex-bartender, tried conclusions with one Tami Mauriello, who only five weeks ago weighed 237.



Now I'll tell you, Joe, you don't have to worry about that heavyweight title you took with you into the Army. The guys you left behind couldn't carry your left shoe—let alone take your left hook.

Lemme tell you about this Maur-riello-Savold fight. That Mauriello was 11-to-5 to win at one time and he ended up winning like a 1-to-5 shot. It was that easy.

There was talk that Mauriello had gone and got himself too heavy at his job in a Long Island defense plant and that Savold would probably chop him once on the chin with a sizzling right and it would be all over.

Joe, I'll tell ya, that never did happen, although Mauriello—in the second round—did go down for a 2 count that long before the bell. It wasn't much of a punch but it did get me to thinking what would have happened if you catch this guy on the glass work with a right hand in the Louis manner.

I ain't squawking, Joe. This is the first heavyweight fight I see since Roosevelt threw his weight around against a phrase that ended with Barton and Fish. And this Mauriello wins it about as easy.

Mauriello, of course, is not a shadow of your former self, but, as they say at the Turf & Field Club, he's the only wheel in town and we'll see how he does.

He comes into the ring full of punch and vinegar and Savold, is there to win a fight. After all, they're in the Garden.

Anyway, Tami shuffles in—figuring he's on the swing shift—and gives Savold the solid straight left and the whistling right. Trouble is, Savold doesn't worry a bit about Mauriello's plans.

Savold, apparently, figured that one punch could—and would—put him even. And, on a couple of occasions, that one punch almost did. Except he missed.

Tami shuffled in and shuffled out, sticking his left out in front of him and holding his right where it could do the most good. Mauriello's decision was unanimous Joe, but I must say he is hardly in your class.

The time may come—and soon I hope—when you'll be back in our midst. You may be a few years older, Joe, and a few pounds heavier, but I'll still go along with you from what I have seen thus far.

The heavyweights we have left are either four-for-something such, and I certainly have no quarrel with that, but on the other hand, the Mauriellos and the Savolds are the fellows who are keeping your division alive.

I guess every one knows that the heavyweight division needs, among other things, a good heavyweight and, perchance a couple of blood transfusions.

In the meantime, though, I'm glad that we on the home front can have a heavyweight fight now and then—even if it is only a couple of guys who in ordinary times, couldn't carry your towel into the ring.

So, Joe let me tell you: The two heavyweights who fought Friday did a fine job and fought to the hilt all the way.

P. S You don't have to worry about your title from where I'm sitting.—JOE CUMMISKEY

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Here Is Joe Louis' Own Story Of His Greatest Thrill

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier



"It happened all of a sudden."

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first of a series of articles by famous sports personalities on the greatest thrills they have experienced. Joe Louis is now a sergeant in the United States Army and at the present time in Hollywood for a role in the picture version of "This Is the Army," soon to be released throughout the country.

By JOE LOUIS
Heavyweight Champion of the World
(As Told to Herman Hill, Staff Correspondent)

I have had a lot of thrills since I started fighting back in 1933 as an amateur, but the greatest of them all was the night I won the heavyweight championship of the world from Jim Braddock. That fight was in Chicago on the night of June 22, 1937. I knocked him out in the eighth round after a hard fight and became the champion of the most prized division in boxing.

Was Only 23 Years Old When I Won the Title

It was a great night, and a great crowd, too. They tell me we grossed more than $600,000 that night. I was feeling good that night and ready for a tough fight. Braddock was as tough as they come and I had to be in good shape. I was 23 years old then and weighed 196 pounds.

Jim was a good, game, experienced fighter, who could punch plenty hard. I found that out in the very first round when he knocked me down.

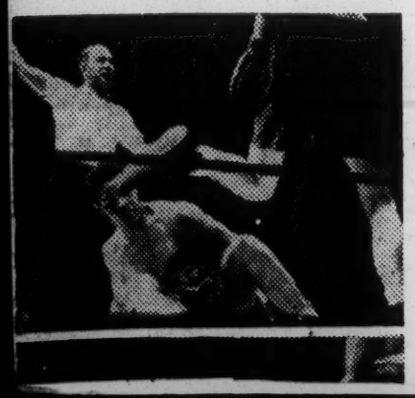
It happened all of a sudden. We were boxing out in the center of the ring and the next thing I knew I was going down. I wasn't hurt, but sorta dazed. When I got up I decided I'd have to be very careful if I expected to win the title from a guy as determined and dangerous as Braddock was.

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At the end of the round, I went back to my corner in good shape. Jack Blackburn told me I'd have to be more careful. He said Braddock wasn't to be fooled with one second. Jack told me to box carefully and wait for my chance.

Blackburn Warned Me Not to Take Any Unnecessary Chances

"Don't take any unnecessary chances, Chappie," he warned. "Just box the best you know how. If you get a chance to land, go ahead and do it, but don't risk anything. Be patient, your chance will come."



So I went out there and boxed Braddock. I used everything Blackburn taught me, and most of the things I'd picked up myself. I saw a chance to land a haymaker a couple of times but held back. At those particular times the situation didn't look just right. If I threw one, I'd be taking a chance. Blackburn told me not to take any chances, so I didn't. Besides, I wasn't doing bad by boxing Jim. He was a very good boxer, but I thought I was holding my own.

Finally, my chance came in the eighth. I saw an opening and shot a right-hand punch right through it. It landed right on his jaw and his knees sagged. I don't remember how many I threw after that, but Jim finally went down to the floor.

Was the Happiest Man In the World The Night I Won the Title

When the referee tolled off ten, which seemed like a million years to me, and raised my hand, I was the happiest man in the world. I felt 50 pounds lighter, and it thrilled me the way the crowd cheered me. They seemed to like me, and that was what I wanted. I didn't want to be an unpopular champion.

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I had finally reached the top. I thought about how I had dreamed of being the heavyweight champion of the world when I was just starting out. It seemed so far away at that time that I laughed at myself for thinking such a silly thing. And yet, here I was, standing in the middle of the ring at Comiskey park in Chicago with my hand held high in the air as the new heavyweight champion of the world. It was a great thrill, believe me.

I was the second Negro to ever hold the world's heavyweight championship. I was mighty proud. I thought about a lot of things in those few existing seconds. I kept thinking about my mother. I knew she was proud of me and I was glad all over.

Braddock Congratulated Me; Predicted That I Would Be a Great Champion

Although I was mighty happy, I kept wishing I had won the title from someone other than Jim Braddock. He is a wonderful fellow and a friend of mine. I hated to be the one to knock him out. But Jim understood and came into my dressing room and said:

"You're a great fighter, Joe. You'll make a good champion and I want to wish you the best of luck."

There was a lot of excitement in my dressing room that night. Everybody was shouting and singing. They had more policemen and detectives in there than I had ever seen. Everybody in the world, it seemed, wanted to get in.

In the middle of this excitement, I got a little sentimental. I gave Jack Blackburn the left glove as a souvenir and I kept the right one. After all, Jack was mighty responsible for my success.

I took it easy after the fight. Although everyone on the Southside in Chicago seemed to be celebrating, I went to the home of some friends with my wife.

That was my greatest thrill. I have always said that.

My Second Greatest Thrill Was Winnnig Edward J. Neil Trophy

I guess my next greatest thrill was winning the Edward J. Neil trophy, awarded to me by the boxnig writers of New York at Ruppert's brewery in New York.

That meant that I had been a good champion, both in the ring and out.

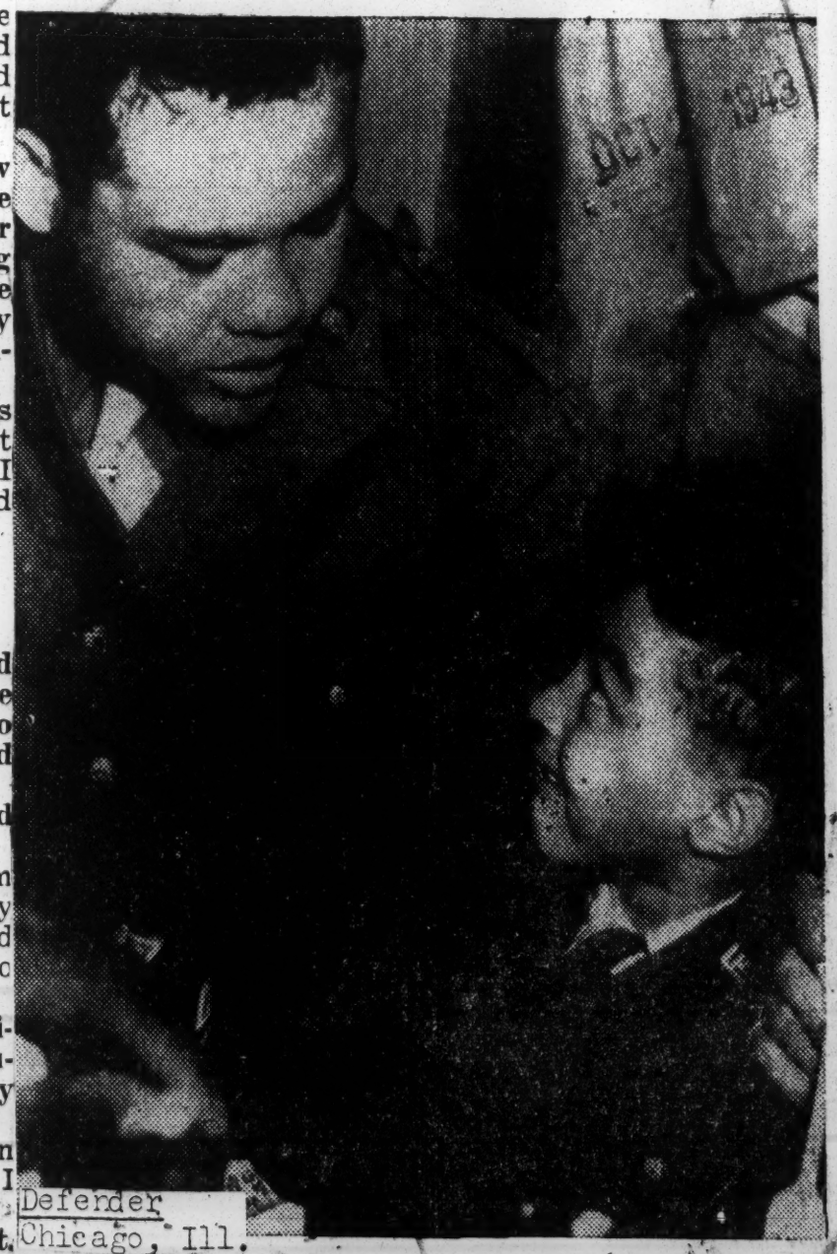
I got a big thrill the first time I fought in New York. I fought Primo Carnera that night and knocked him out. New York is a great city and everything there interested me.

People often ask me about the second Schmeling fight. They want to know how much of a thrill I got out of that one. Well, not a whole lot. There wasn't much to it. Of course, I was glad to beat him and prove that I could take a licking and come back, but I wouldn't consider it as one of my greatest thrills.

It's nice to be a champion, even though a lot of headaches go along with it. But on the whole, people have been very nice to me, especially the newspapers. I hope some day to fight Billy Conn again. He's a great fighter and I believe we would put up another good fight.

I hope to still be champion when the war is over, and, like all soldiers—I hope it's over soon.

YOUNGSTER GREETS JOE



Defender
Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. Joe Louis shown being feted on his recent visit to March Field, Ga., where he appeared to referee an exhibition boxing match. Pictured with Louis is Chaplain Ford Gibson. Mrs. Gibson and their four-year-old son, Ford, Jr. The youngster is wearing the uniform of a first lieutenant and, judging from his expression, is bent on "growing up and being a soldier just like the champ."

MARVA GIVES HER VERSION

Defender
Chicago, Ill.



Arriving in Chicago by plane from New York, Marva Louis tells the background of her separation from Champion Joe Louis to Defender repofter, Al Monroe. Below Mrs. Louis is shown alighting from the plane at the Municipal Airport.

Joe Louis Arrested for Wearing Improper Uniform

Washington Tribune

Washington, D. C.

Military police last Friday arrested and jailed Sergt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, for a minor infraction of Army regulations.

Seen on U Street wearing an officer's shirt with shoulder flaps, a colored Military Policeman, arrested the prize fighter and carried him to the Military Police cell block in the Municipal Building.

A short time later, Louis was released, and it was said that the arrest would not be placed against his record.

Military Police have been given instructions to bring in any soldier wearing improper uniform. All the week they had arrested numbers of non-commissioned officers for the infraction.

Louis had made a personal appearance at the premiere showing of the motion picture, "This is the Army." He was introduced to the theatre audience by the General in command of the Army Relief Fund.

While biding his time preparatory to going on a tour of Army camps, he had been in training at Fort Meade, Md., returning to Washington frequently for rounds at the night spots. His arrest was made after midnight Friday.

War Dep't Revises Louis' Exhibition

Washington Tribune

Washington, D. C.

The nation-wide Army-camp tour of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow, under the direction of the Special Service Division of the Army Service Force, is going forward, the War Department announced this ween. Boxing exhibitions were held at Mitchell Field, New York, September 2; at Camp Upton, New York, September 3; at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, September 6; Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, New York, September 7; Fort Dix, New Jersey, September 8; Camp Fort Monroe and Langley Field, Virginia, September 9 and Camps Patrick Henry and A. P. Hill, Virginia, September 10.

Following the exhibitions mentioned above the following Camps will be visited by the group: Camp Pendleton and Fort Story, Virginia, September 13; Fort Eustis, Virginia, September 14; Camp Lee, Virginia, September 15, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, September 16; Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania, September 17, and Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Pennsylvania, on September 20.

Local conditions in the Service Commands and at the military establishments where Sergeant Louis was scheduled to appear during September neceessitated the above changes in the dates of the physical fitness tour.

The group includes Sergeant Louis, First Sergeant George Nicholson, Corporal Walker Smith (Ray Sugar Robinson), Private George Wilson and Corporal Robert J. Payne, serving as trainer.

Weekly Review
Birmingham, Ala.

AMBITION IS TO RETIRE WORLD CHAMPION

CAMP KILMER, New Jersey — While waiting to box three exhibition rounds with First Sergeant George Nicholson here, Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow leaned against the pillars of his cottage and talked with interviewers about his future in the Army and the ring.

It was an entirely different Joe Louis, too. Gone were all the traces of shyness. It seems the Army, through closer association with many men has matured the Brown Bomber and given him greater confidence and self-assurance.

Louis no longer groped for words as he evaluated his future. "I am 29 years old now and hope to retire from the ring when I'm 32. That's about the maximum age at which a heavyweight can retain his peak of efficiency. A man of my weight doesn't use up as much energy as a lighter weight man.

"I'm in pretty good shape now. If I were called upon to defend my title, all I need is about eight weeks of conditioning.

'The Army has kept me in great shape. Between fights before entering the service I used to lounge around and do nothing for months at a time. However, now I am always in good condition. I do a lot of walking, which keeps my legs strong, and regular hours do the rest.

"Of course, all these plans depend on the duration of the war," he added with a grin.

"I think my current tour will be very helpful," Sergeant Louis continued. "Not only will it instill the physical fitness idea among the men, but many soldiers will take up fighting as a career when the war is over.

"My one ambition," he added, "is to retire as the undefeated heavyweight boxing champion of the world.



Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

MAMA'S GOING ON THE STAGE—Won't be long before little Jacquelin Louis has a famous mother, as well as a famous dad. The eight-month-old girl's mother, Mrs. Marva Trotter Louis, wife of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, will go on the stage this December because she and her soldier husband need cash. The Brown Bomber's family is shown in the Hotel Theresa, New York City, where the Louises live.

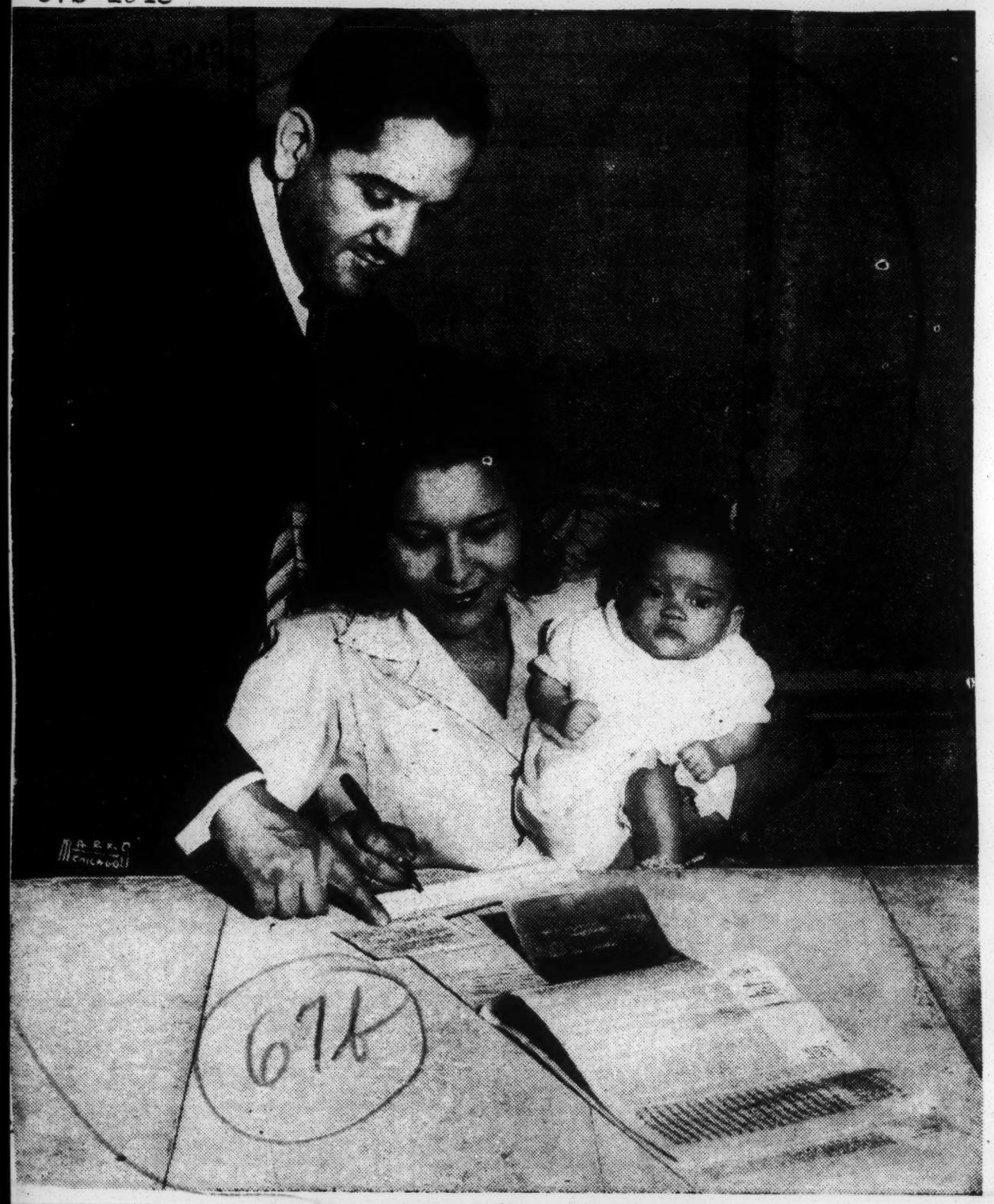
Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Louis to Exhibit Skill at Ft. Monroe

Fort Monroe, Va., Sept. 3 (AP).—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis' tour of the Nation's Army posts brings him to Fort Monroe Thursday night as the top attraction on a fight card pitting Lieut. Erwin Anhalt's squad against a Camp Pickett team.

Louis will box three rounds with his old spar mate, First Sergt. George S. Nicholson. Ray Robinson, contended for the world welterweight title, will stage another exhibition with former Welterweight Champion Jackie Wilson.

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MARVA LOUIS AND JACQUELINE

EDUCATION OF JOE LOUIS' DAUGHTER ASSURED

——a contract for baby Jacqueline that is especially designed for educational purposes. Under the plan, when Jacqueline is ready to enter college, ample funds will be available to care for all expenses of whatever course of study desired. Prior to that time, the contract is in force as a life insurance estate in favor of the beneficiary.

Mrs. Marva L. Barrow, wife of the famous world champion, Joe Louis, has just completed arrangements that will guarantee that their daughter, Jacqueline, will receive all of the advantages afforded by higher education. She has secured from a local Negro insurance company

According to Mr. Curtis Poree, well known insurance executive, who placed the contract, the plan was selected because in addition to the economic, cultural and social advantages which result from higher education, it encourages thrift and systematic saving over a period of years.

Mrs. Barrow believes that now more than ever it is important for parents to make sure that their children will receive adequate education and training, and that early in life they be taught the value of thrift and saving through life insurance. Justification of this belief is strikingly demonstrated in the present tremendous demands for college trained men and women. The action taken by Mrs. Barrow is, therefore, worthy of emulation by other parents.

MARVA HAPPY WHEN STORK BRINGS GIRL

Chicago Bee

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Heavy Champ Flies From Oklahoma To See New Da hter In Chicago

"I'm the happiest woman in the world," beamed Mrs. Marva Louis, wife of world's heavyweight boxing champion Sgt. Joe Louis, Monday afternoon as she lay in bed in her private room at Provident hospital.

At 6:04 a.m. Mrs. Louis had given birth to a 7-pound, 5-ounce baby girl which was her desire, because as she said "a boy would never be the fighter his father is."

The baby girl, the very image of the "Brown Bomber" has not been given a name at press time. Mrs. Louis is awaiting the arrival of her husband from Ft. Riley, Kans., where he is stationed. He is expected here late this week.

Center of Attention

The Joe Louis heir, occupying the same position in the nursery maternity ward, as her father does in the pugilistic hall of fame, has been the center of attraction among patients and employes of the hospital since her arrival.

Dr. William W. Gibbs, obstetrician and gynecologist who attended Mrs. Louis at the birth of the child, said both the mother and baby are "in excellent condition." He expects them to leave for home within ten days.

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Mrs. Louis entered the hospital Friday during which time Dr. Gibbs and his assistant Dr. Maurice Gleanson, senior resident doctor in obstetrics and gynecology, kept constant vigil. Dr. Edward (Ned) Beasley, pediatrician, will safeguard the future health of the Louis heir.

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Joe to Fly Here

Since the arrival of the baby, Mrs. Louis has been literally swamped with congratulatory messages and flowers. Sergeant Louis, who was in Lawton, Okla., when he received the news, immediately took a plane to Ft. Riley to await a furlough so he can see his first offspring.

Joe and Marva were married September 24, 1935 just after the "Bomber" defeated Max Baer. The ceremony, performed in New York City, climaxed a romance of several months.

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Sergeant Louis has been assigned to the Ft. Riley USO center instructing rookies in the art of self-defense.

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Among the first to offer congratulations to Mrs. Louis were Dr. Homer Wilburn, medical director of Provident; Julian Black and John Roxborough co-managers of Heavyweight Champion Louis.

Joe Louis Draws High Praise From Film Buddies

Bee

Chicago, Ill.-

WASHINGTON, June 24 — (ANP)—To Sidney Skolsky, syndicate columnist goes the palm for the best story of the week. It refers to Champion Joe Louis, who as all and sundry know, is in the army and is correctly addressed as sergeant. Sidney's story is in the form of a letter and was written by a group of lads in "This Is The Army."

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"Joe is immensely proud of his sergeant's stripes," the letter says. "Likes to work in the show and hopes to be sent overseas. He hasn't missed church a Sunday since his arrival here, and was very proud the Sunday his colonel accepted his invitation to go with him. Sgt. Joe reports every morning to Lt. Col. Frank T. McCabe, who always accompanies him when he makes public appearances at army camps, where he frequently referees. At a camp in Yuma the other night, an official announced them in this manner, 'I want you to meet Sgt. Joe Louis and his bodyguard.' Lt. Col. McCabe smiled. Most of the soldiers of 'This Is The Army' address Joe as 'Joe,' a few like to call him 'Champ' and all of them enjoy threatening to take a punch at him. Joe grins but points to his sergeant's stripes and says, 'What you think these are, boy, chicken

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off the extra poundage without effort.

"Despite his freedom from training rules and his fight managers, Joe hews to the line, which means bed by 10, no liquor, no cigarettes, coffee, tea or he eats all he wants, which often means two or three breakfasts of eggs and stacks of wheatcakes. His weight has gone up to 220, but he looks trim and says he could take

Time

Chicago, Illinois

Sergeant Joe Louis, 29, was knocked down by his old sparring partner, Sergeant George Nicholson, in an exhibition bout

for soldiers at Mitchel Field, L.I. Later Sergeant Nicholson protested almost apologetically that he had not really knocked Joe down with the punch, but by stepping on his foot had accidentally made him fall.

Well Worth A Broken Leg



Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Pvt. Louis Rogers, of 706 Py- him at the station hospital during ramid Courts, Cairo, Ill., thinks that a recent visit to Aberdeen Proving it was worth a broken leg any day Ground, Maryland.
to get Sgt. Joe Louis' autograph when the fighter stopped in to see

'Too Much Glamor Killed Our Marriage'

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

By AL MONROE

Too much glamor – the glare of publicity – the tragedy of belonging to an adulating public – all have combined to wreck the glittering romance of Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, and lovely, fascinating Marva, his wife.

The story of how the spotlight of public fanfare brought the separation of the couple was told by Marva to the Defender this week when she stopped over at Chicago's Municipal Airport on a trip to Kansas City from New York.

So far the separate maintenance plan that involves no legal divorce is "for the duration." And Marva even held out the hope that there might be a reconciliation after the war.

"This separation isn't final. You two will be back together after the war," someone predicted at the airport.

"Maybe so," Marva replied. Stunning in a dark blue suit with red accessories, she appeared to be fighting an urge to change that "maybe" to "I hope so."

Then she explained the Defender story of last week which scooped the nation's newspapers and told how too much publicity has wrecked the marriage.

"We've tried to carry on until after the war and until little Jacqueline is older but the strain was too great. Why, in the eight years we've been married we have lived together less than a year.

"Every wife wants her husband with her and after a child is born the need becomes greater. But constant trips to training camps, personal appearances here and there and finally the war has made that impossible. That, as I see it, is the cause of our failure to make it with each other."

No one knows the exact status of the champ's domestic affairs, or at least the point it will reach after the war. Not even the champion himself or Marva, both of whom admitted that a legal separation had been agreed upon.

They will live apart on a separate maintenance plan that carries no divorce but here the whole discussion ends.

Joe is positive of the present separation but refuses to discuss the future save for the plans he has for his daughter, Jacqueline. Of Jacqueline he says: "Marva will keep her until after the war and then we'll take turns. I'll keep her sometimes and let Marva keep her sometime."

Both Marva and Joe were in Chicago, Friday. Jacqueline was left in New York in care of a nurse. Mrs. Louis was here between planes that took her from New York to Kansas City for a bond rally. The champ was here with his troupe of army boxers doing camps in and around the city. Of the separation Marva talked reluctantly.

Not Mad At Each Other

Marva was told her estranged husband was also in the city and reporters wanted to know if she cared to see him.

"Of course," she replied. "We are not mad with each other. Just simply cannot make it as man and wife, so we agreed to this separation." Then she told of the separation. Joe called from Pittsburgh and invited her over for a conference from which the announcement would be made.

"I couldn't leave Jacqueline right then," she said, "so we agreed on what was to be released. No, we are not mad at each other, it was just an agreeable separation that both of us consider for our mutual best interest."

In a few moments she was aboard another plane bound for Kansas City. Saturday afternoon she returned to Chicago for a few hours enroute back to New York and Jacqueline. "We both love Jacqueline, oh, so much," she said as she refused pleas of her friends to remain over for another day.

Marva has no special plans though she is taking voice and stage craft in New York. She will not join a swing band as some have said she would do nor will she enter a cafe or theatre. She'll hardly listen to movie offers either.

With a traceable note of pathos in her voice she indicated that their separation comes after both of them realized that they were caught in a type of existence that made normal homelife impossible.

"We would have taken this step before, if it hadn't been for the baby. Both of us are crazy about her. We thought that she might be able to hold us together. But now it seems that any further reconciliation is impossible."

Though they have agreed to live apart no immediate divorce action is contemplated—at least until the war is over, she said. "Joe is now busy with army engagements so we really haven't had an opportunity to work out any details."

For the duration Marva will be in sole custody of their little daughter, Jacqueline. Sergeant Joe has agreed to this.

The Louis marriage started off with a romantic fanfare which could have been taken from a throbbing love novel—a beautiful girl—a fighting champ. They married on the evening before his championship fight with Max Baer in 1936. Ae he climbed into the ring the following night, the crowds roared and cheered as the announcement came over the loud speaker.

Sergeant Joe Louis' curvilinear wife Marva decided to go on the stage, prepared herself with Manhattan singing lessons, declared: "I feel if a woman has talent she ought to make the most of it." She



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MARVA LOUIS

further explained that the Louises have a number of properties and relatives to keep.

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The LOW DOWN -

Daily Worker - New York City

The War Dep't Is Sending Joe Louis On an Exhibition Tour of the World

NAT LOW

The War Department has assigned Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow to tour the world giving boxing exhibitions to our soldiers in camps all over the globe. Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow is of course just plain Joe Louis, heavyweight King of the world. And you can bet your very last penny that the decision to send King Joe around the world will be greeted with tremendous enthusiasm by millions of our fighting men.

The choice of the War Department is a happy one for we can think of no one man better fitted to entertain our guys. For many reasons Joe will be better suited to entertain our fighting men than any other athlete we know. For one thing it takes very little to set up a ring somewhere and put on a pair of gloves.

A Joe DiMaggio would need not only a baseball field but a baseball game involving at least 18 men and in most of the fighting fronts it would be difficult to get a team and a field. But a ring is something else again and all that is needed, besides Joe is his trainer, old faithful George Nicholson who has boxed more rounds with Louis than any other man in the world.



JOE LOUIS

Joe is tickled pink over his new assignment, not only is he a good soldier and obeys orders but because he knows that in this way he can make a much bigger contribution to the winning of the war than he has been making. Louis is the single most popular athlete in the United States and if his brief stay at Camp Upton last year was indication he will be a rip-roaring success with men who have seen action and who are dying for a good boxing exhibition—and they'll see the greatest of them all when they see Joe.

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Joe Wants Ray and Jackie Along

Louis is going to request the Army allow him to take along Cpl. Ray Robinson and Sgt. Jackie Wilson and it is probable that these two splendid welterweights will make the tour with Joe and Nicholson. If they do the men in the camps will be treated to at least an hour's worth of great fighting entertainment. Ray is the best of our little men—indeed one of the best to come along in many years—and together with Jackie Wilson he should be a wonderful treat for the boys.

But the big attraction will be Joe and that is easy to understand. A heavyweight is always more impressive than a lightweight or welter. The heavyweight king is the king of them all—a lightweight champ is just a good little man.

Besides this there is the fact that Joe is a wonderful personality, a guy the servicemen will go for in a big way. He is universally liked and respected. Modesty to the point of shyness, is a splendid mixer and his championship and fame have never altered his basic simplicity and modesty.

It will be a wonderfully healthy thing for Joe and his three Negro brother fighters to give exhibitio at camps where Negro and white soldiers are stationed. Nothing b good-will, friendship and better relations will result from these e hibitions.

And if Joe Louis helps even a hundred white soldiers acce their fellow Negro soldiers as full equals then he will be doing as muc good for the war as if he were manning a machine gun at the fron



RAY ROBINSON



THE SERGEANT READS *The Sergeant Says:* Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, relaxed during scenes of *This Is the Army* by reading Sgt. Jimmy Cannon's book. The photo was released in connection with the opening of film at the Hollywood Wednesday night.

Joe Louis Below Form in All-American Golf Tourney

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

CHICAGO, July 20.—For three years, the Tam O'Shanter Golf Club here has sponsored an "all-American golf tournament. It is just that—for it breaks the Jim Crow law which governs so many other tournaments. Last year, for example, Negro stars from all parts of the country competed.

Ths week, the 1943 tournament is on, and one of the entrants is Joe Louis, boxing champion of the world. Joe is a fine golfer, who breaks 70 on occasion.

In Tuesday's opening round the best Joe could do was an 87, far below hs usual form. Either Army training with its lack of opportunity for golf practice, or nervousness was the cause.

Yesterday Louis forgot to hit. The words are those of another Army sergeant. Clayton Heafner, the former taffy puller from the Carolinas who became a pro golf sensation overnight and who last year was defeated for the big money in this Tam O'Shanter open by none other than Byron Nelson.

Heafner had never seen Louis play. Joe had given a free show as he labored over his shots in practice for half an hour, and let it be said that in his workout Louis really looked impressive.

But when Sergeant Joe got up to hit that little golf ball before the mob something happened to that oily practice swing. The ball cleared the water hazard, but started to bend to the right as it sped for rise in the fairway. It finished with that sickening push which thousands of gulfers know only too well.

"Too fast on the back swing," commented Heafner. "Then he forgot to hit."

With a little more deliberation Louis might have done well. But without the timing so necessary down to the last fraction of a second, he was just another golfer in the toils. Louis found his ball on the edge of the adjoining fairway. He played a magnificent iron over some fairly high trees but landed in the bunker. Doing everything as calmly as he does when pecking at an opponent's nose in the ring. Louis dug his feet into the sand.

Up came his head too soon. His ball got out of the sand but only by an inch or so. He had to stand down in the bunker to play the next shot. That one he jabbed twenty feet past the pin. Then he putted three times for a 7.

If Louis could have heard the Heaferian comment he doubtless would have profited. But off the second tee he again yielded to the impulse to send in his shot before the other fellow could set. Once more Louis got into the rough far to the right. With a better tee shot he might have got a birdie. He had a 5 at the short third and he three-putted again after chipping from the edge of the green. So his start was 7 5 5 on a par of 4 5 3.

Louis hit a beauty from the tee of the 445-yard fourth. This time he was rght in the middle. A No 4 iron against the wind was all he required for his second. He hooked that one, though, landing in the rough wide of the bunker. Then he really showed something. He pitched up within four feet of the cup and sank the putt. On the 215-yard fifth, aided by the wind, he was hole-high on his tee shot, but again out there on the right in the rough... The pin was tucked in a corner so Louis judiciously played for the center of the green. He got down in two putts for a par 4.

At this point the heavyweight champion of the world was callously abandoned by sundry members of the Fourth Estate. What they had seen in five holes they figured would be a pattern for the whole. The result is coming in showed that Joe was mostly ing on a bogie basis. He had a par at the seventh. On each of the others three he was one over. He turned in 44 and came back in one stroke less for an 87. But Louis is much better golfer than his score showed for there is potential ability in that fine specmen of fighting manhood. Normally he plays around 78.

"I like golf better than any other game," said Louis. "That is, I like it better than any other game outside of boxing."

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois



Acme photo

THE JOE LOUIS FAMILY—The sergeant, Marva, and their 5 month old daughter, Jacqueline.

'Red' Ruffing Will Also Join Sports Junket

Champ and Party to Tour Camps in This Country for Four Months, Then Go Abroad

CHICAGO, Aug. 5—(ANP)—When Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, tours army camps he will be accompanied by three other famous sports world figures it has been learned. Louis, in Chicago on furlough from a cavalry unit at Fort Riley, Kansas, said he would probably be in a party including Cpl. Billy Conn, who came closest to defeating the fistic kingpin than any other fighter; Pfc. Joe DiMaggio, home run swatter for the New York Yankees and Pvt. Charles "Red" Ruffing, ace hurler for the Yanks ball club.

TO BOOST MORALE

The proposed trip was recently postponed by the War department for an undisclosed reason, but with Louis' statements, it is apparent that the junket will take place.

Purpose of the tour is to boost the morale of fighting men through lectures and athletic exhibitions. Louis and Conn will probably engage in boxing bouts and Ruffing and DiMaggio will demonstrate the intricacies of baseball.

The heavyweight champion said he and his colleagues would probably tour United States army camps for four months before embarking for foreign shores.

Thousands Greet Champ At Belvoir

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sock entertainment of the kind that only a heavyweight champion can deliver, is being carried to many of the camps and posts throughout the country by Sergeant Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, who is on an exhibition tour.

Sergeant Louis, who is accompanied on his tour by First Sergeant George Nicholson, veteran for six years, and 1,000 rounds of sparring with the champion; Corporal Walker Cooper, better known as Ray "Sugar" Robinson, the world weltherweigth champion; Corporal Robert J. Payne, who is acting as trainer, and Private Jackie Wilson, California state weltehweight champion, greatly boosted the morale of the men in camps where he has appeared.

Before an audience of 8,500 soldiers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Sergeant Louis gave a special premiere performance of the work he will do on tour for the Army, and his itinerary includes performances in every corps area in the United States.

At Fort Devens, Massachusetts, Sergeant Louis was greeted by 7,000 fans at the Sports Arena as he went through his exhibition match. He not only proved himself a fistic king, but also a master of repartee, to the surprise of his audience, according to the "Digest," Fort Devens paper.

Sergeant Louis began the day at Fort Devens by holding a press conference, and answered all questions freely and fluently punctuating his remarks with a ready wit and driving home his basic message of protection in war through physical fitness.

"He could draw laughs as readily as a 'Bob Hope' or 'W. C. Fields,' and when he talked seriously and warned that 'a soldier's best weapons are his hands,' the very silence of his audience was deafening." and Fred Foye of the "Boston Traveler."

Sergeant Louis chatted with the wounded soldiers at the Station Hospital including Pvt. Francis O'Niel Cambridge Mass. who was shot through the head at Cambridge, Massachusetts, who was strafed at Sidi Bezin; Private Joe Mantasti, Brooklyn, New York, who collected shrapnel at Faid Pass and Technician Fourth Grade Jim Cunningham of New York Ctiy, who was hit at El Guettar.

Colonel Howard D. Queen, commanding officer of the 366th Infantry, introduced the champion to the assembled soldiers in the 366th amphitheatre.

Much of the morale lift and entertainment of the Louis tour is being contributed by the fighters touring with Sergeant Louis. In the exhibition it is Louis against Nicholson and Wilson against Robinson. All four take part in the sessions devoted to the teaching of boxing and conditioning to selected groups at each camp.

Sergeant Louis gave the men sound advice on the need for physical training among soldiers destined for the battlefronts all over the world.

"Physical conditioning is everything in the Army," said the man whose physical fitness won him a million dollars and the greatest success in ring history. ',But you've got to keep at it everyday. Don't goldbrick —you'll find when you get across, that you'll need a good wind and strong muscles to keep you out of danger."

Corporal Robinson is the "Rochester" of the group, the fighter, who at one time, was in vaudeville. He still leans toward that trend, and helped to give the men many laughs.

The performers are aware of the much-needed serious side of their tour. "physical fitness." Sergeant Louis, in speaking for himself and the group, remarked, "I only hope we can prove our worth. Right now I'm not worried about the future, about the title, about Billy Conn, about all the other things which seemed so important a while ago. I'm just worried whether we can give in the 'drive home' a combination lesson of entertainment and physical education. If they like us nearly as much around the tour as I think they did at the camps we have visited so far, I'll be mighty happy."

Sergeant Louis' appearance at both camps seemingly set the precedent for great success throughout his entire tour. The group will work five days a week for 19 full weeks, making one night stands to instruct the members of the armed forces in the pugilistic arts and general physical training. During the day, Sergeant Louis will visit hospitals and demonstrate the skill that won the world's championship.

Louis Due At Fort Knox On Sept. 27

Courier-Journal

Ray Robinson, Jackie Wilson Also Coming

Louisville, Ky.

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Fort Knox, Ky., Sept. 15.—A personal appearance of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, and three other prominent Negro boxers is scheduled here September 27.

The afternoon program will consist of a visit to the station hospital, and a talk in the field house by Louis, and a demonstration of bag punching, rope skipping, shadow boxing and routine exercises.

The evening show at 7 p.m. will consist of several regular bouts by soldiers at Fort Knox, supplemented with two bouts by the Louis entourage.

Members of Louis' party include Sgt. George S. Nicholson, heavyweight; Corp. Walker Smith (Ray Robinson), world's welterweight title claimant; Pvt. George J. (Jackie) Wilson, former world's welterweight champion, and Corp. Robert J. Payne, trainer.

Captain Carroll Fitzgerald, bureau of public relations, is the officer-in-charge of the detachment.

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Supreme Liberty Buys Joe Louis' Glove



Chairman and Treasurer, T. K. Gibson, Sr., purchased $25,000 worth of Government Bonds and is presented with the right hand glove of Champ Sgt. Joe Louis at the Royalities Bond Rally held recently in Chicago. The glove was used by Sgt. Louis when he defeated James Braddock for the World's Heavyweight Championship. Reading from left to right are Mr. Gibson, Major C. Udell Turpin, War Savings Staff, Eddie Plicque, fight promoter, and Mrs. Marva Louis, who autographed the glove.

Behind the Play or Why Joe Owes Taxes

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

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Says Joe's Managers Should Have Sold His Name to Breakfast Foods

BY DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK. — The talk was about Sgt. Joe Louis, the fight with Billy Conn which never came off, the taxes the champ owes the government and how he might have had more than enough to meet such emergencies.

We were on the corner, where most conversations take place, and the sun was bearing down through a foggy haze which made sitting as well as standing something of an ordeal. But the conversation more than made up for the discomfort. I was more than interested in what two of the boys, Bob and Jimmy, were saying about the champ so I'm reporting it as a dialogue.

JOE MESSED UP

Bob: "I still say that Joe Louis is the most messed up fighter we have had, including Jack Johnson, John Henry Lewis and Henry Armstrong. I give credit where credit is due, but Johnny Roxborough and Julian Black, his managers, actually hurt the boy in his pocketbook instead of helping him."

Jimmy: "Man, don't say that. How could Roxy and Black hurt Joe? They did all in their power to put him on top, even sacrificing their own money to give us a champion that we all could be proud of. The record of Roxy and Black as public figures in connection with Louis can't be equaled for honesty and ability to manage."

Bob: "I grant you that, my good fellow. The idea of Negroes managing their own, selling him to the highest bidder, taking advantage of the breaks to push their man to the front is a sound one and an idea that won a lot of respect for Roxy and Julian, but I still say they went the wrong way."

WENT WRONG WAY

Jimmy: "Wrong way! What do you mean by wrong way? Everything I've seen and heard about them in connection with Louis has been good, above board and all that sort of thing. What do you mean?"

Bob: "Just this: Roxy and Black didn't show smartness in taking advantage of Louis' fame and popularity while it was hot. I know the movies JUN 4 1943 up on this and that all he could get in Hollywood was the lead role in 'Spirit of Youth,' an all-colored affair made by a class C outfit, and shown only in Negro theaters. But what of all the endorsements Louis could have cashed in on? Why wasn't his name on breakfast foods, cough syrups, medicines, toothpaste, foods, clothes, etc. like Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones and other bigtime whites in sports?"

Jimmy: "That's unfair, my friend. You know the white folks wouldn't make any kind of offer that would let Louis get in the truly big dough in advertisement. He did endorse some hair grease for a concern that makes the stuff, but that concern is a colored company."

Bob: "That's just what I'm talking about. If Joe Louis, right after he knocked out Schmeling in that second fight, had been pushed the way he should, he wouldn't have to worry about enough money to pay his taxes. You can't tell me that Black and Roxborough would be turned down by companies like the Curtis Candy outfit or the people who make Mars candy bars with a proposition for a Joe Louis peanut bar. And you can't tell me that some of the big ice cream companies would turn down a chance to get Joe Louis' endorsement of their product. All of them would have paid fancy prices too. Although Joe doesn't smoke or drink, Joe could have made a pile of cash off cigarette endorsements by inference, by saying he likes to smell smoke from a Chesterfield or Old Gold when his friends are puffing those kind of cigarettes. There were a

closeup of her through his own eyes.

The Champ In New Role

Bee ([redacted]
Chicago, Ill.



IT'S PAPA JOE LOUIS and he seems to be as efficient at satisfying the wants of five-month-old Jacqueline as he is in stopping all comers in the squared arena. The champ and his lovely wife have eyes for no one but their little daughter as Jacqueline takes her dinner at "peace with the world." Sgt. Joe was home for a brief furlough last week following filming of "This Is the Army" in which he has a major role. He is seeking transfer from Fort Riley to the Military Police school at Fort Custer, it was stated. (Herald-American photo)

Sgt. Barrow (Joe Louis) Makes Tour Of Huachuca

Negro Military command in the world.

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — The usual, routine tempo of the Fort was set suddenly Monday, with the unheralded arrival by plane of Calvaryman Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight known as Joe Louis, heavyweight champion pugilist of the world.

Sgt. Barrow, smiling, in perfect health, stepped from the plane and before long was surrounded by Signal Corps cameramen who got several good pictures before was swamped by the onrushing crowd of friends and well wishers.

Thus began Sgt. Barrow's three-day tour of the post, the cantonment and training areas of the us Division, the largest

A hearty welcome was accorded the sergeant by Colonel Edwin N. Hardy, in post headquarters' office. Colonel Hardy greeted the tremendous people and to himself most publicized person today.

The colonel told Sgt. Barrow:

"You are worshipped by your people and admired by everybody in the world that strict discipline, rigid training and an overdevotion to duty—discipline.

The value of discipline, arrived at Jefferson Barracks Tuesday on his way to Camp Claiborne, La., where he has been assigned to basic training and met a soldier with whom he combined to eliminate as well acquainted—Corp. Billy champion.

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Sgt. Barrow thanked Colonel Hardy and assured him that he would continue along the same straight road on which he placed his feet more than a decade ago.

Later, Sgt. Barrow had come—to the studios of Warner where he appeared at Brothers in Hollywood, where he told Major Irving Fort's mammoth Field House, will complete his role in Major General Al- Berlin's picture, "This is the Army."

Louis Meets Conn At St. Louis Base

Weekly Review

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5 — Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, arrived at Jefferson Barracks Tuesday on his Army boxing tour and met a soldier with whom he combined to eliminate as well acquainted—Corp. Billy champion.

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In New York, June 18, 1941, when Louis knocked out Conn in 13 rounds.

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Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department

JOE LOUIS TAKES RIDE IN JEEP—Some one has posed a question: who has the most punch oe Louis of fistiana or the Jeep, rugged and mighty midget truck of the Army? We can't answe hat one. Sergeant Joe Louis at Fort Dix on his nation-wide Army camp tour, goes for a ride wit everal of his admirers. Seated beside him is Sergeant Don Blackman of the Fort Dix Military Police ormer wrestling star. (Photo by Fort Dix Public Relations Office.)

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Conn-Louis Bubble Bobs Up Again And Billy Ray Speaks For The Irish

Birmingham, Ala.

DEC 3 1943

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2—(AP)—Billy Conn, says Manager Johnny Ray has four more good fighting years left and in any of those years Billy will strip Joe Louis of his heavyweight championship.

But five years hence, he thinks there may be a lot of fighters who can lick both Billy and Joe and asserts "Billy will be through with the ring by that time, if I have anything to say about it."

In fact, Ray wants to see Billy win the title from Joe and give him a return match—and then call it quits.

Age-Herald

Somehow you gather the diminutive prizefight handler means just that. He has told many a pupil to hang up the gloves when it appeared they were at the point of absorbing bad beatings. And if they didn't heed his advice, they had to get another manager.

"I think it's the worst thing in the world for kid boxers to get punchdrunk," he says.

Ray, who has handled fighters since 1924 when he hung up the gloves himself, talks by the hour about Conn, his great protege. Discussing Billy's future, he says:

"Irish kids mature late, and Billy, who is only 26, is far from his peak. He hasn't fought much and he has not taken any bad beatings. Louis didn't give him a bad beating except for a flurry of punches in the 13th round."

On the other hand, Ray thinks Louis is past his peak, but hastens to add that the Corporal and the Sergeant will climb through the ropes again and when they return to private life.

"The public will always go back to that last fight," he says.

Ray quietly discounts Louis' recent remarks that excessive weight which Conn had added "ain't gonna help him any."

"Joe is all wet about that," he says. "Billy is just the type to carry more weight, and I think it will make him a harder hitter. I only hope Billy tips the scales around 190 pounds after the war."

Ray doesn't think Jimmy Bivens, of Cleveland, is in a class with Conn and Louis "nor won't be when the war ends." No fighter active today can touch Billy and Joe, says Johnny.

Incidentally, the mention of fighters active today sort of saddens Ray. He'd like to be handling somebody. His four leading prospects are in the armed services—Conn, Charley Watters, Regis O'Toole, and Johnny Cregan. Watters also is a heavyweight, O'Toole a middleweight and Cregan a welterweight.

THE CHAMP GOES VISITING INJURED BUDDIES

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Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, reverses the procedure and goes to see one of his fans. Sgt. Louis is shown visiting Pvt. Joseph Kuller of New York, who is recovering from a broken neck, at Camp Edwards, Mass. Louis visited many of the soldier-patients at Camp Edwards and then put on a boxing exhibition for 10,000 soldiers.

Marva To Make Her Debut As Vocalist

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NEW YORK—(ANP—) Although Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, has earned purses totaling $2,374,866 his beautiful estranged wife Marva will sing for her supper.

This announcement came from the full blown lips of the voluptuous Marva herself from her luxurious suite in the Hotel Theresa when she received the press in a setting of her d'oevers liquers, and grinding newsreel cameras last week.

Marva said she will make her professional [illegible] with a swing band, hot spot, theatre or movie company. Presently she is continuing voice study and considering offers. She added she will specialize in romantic ballads of the sophisticated variety.

Joe had relunctantly agreed to Joe had reluctantly agreed to her career and denies any rift in their relations. She wants it known moreover, that the Louis clan is not busted, but Joe's niggardly army check is well.....

"We have certain properties and other possessions," explained Marva, "but they provide no income."

Besides said the lovely would-be-torch-chantuese she needs funds to keep a brother and a sister in Howard university, maintain her Chicago residence, and provide a nurse for the Louis heir, 8 months old Jacqueline.

As Sergeant Joe Signed In At Fort Devens



Sergeant Joe Louis signs in at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, the first stop in his physical fitness tour conducted under direction of the Army's Special Service Division. Corporal Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson) surveys the proceedings

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Australians Await Joe Louis Coming

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By TOM CARRIGG
Sports Writer for the Weekly Times and ENOC P. WATERS JR.
(Defender War Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA.—How are Australia's athletes faring today? Midst the strife and worry of this war, we are apt to forget that it was not so long ago that some of America's famous Negro athletes were in deadly, yet friendly, competition with the pick of Australia's youngest and finest sportsmen.



Nothing since the arrival of Negro troops to these shores has so stirred the sports lovers here as the announcement that Sgt. Joe Louis might visit Australia to entertain the troops with exhibitions of his peerless ring art.

Sgt. Louis

Not long ago followers of the activities of the squared ring were startled by the unexpected nine-round knockout of Australia's heavyweight champion, Herb Narvo by Cpl. Al Hoosman of Seattle and Los Angeles.

No one here, and even many Americans had never heard of Al, and even now he is still pretty much an unknown except for his name. His first and only fight was his spectacular K.O. of Narvo, and though he has been challenged many times since then, he has declined to fight.

Main reason why matchmakers have been unable to arrange a fight for him has been his insistence upon a high guarantee. Even professional sports in this country is not as commercial as it is in the states. Contracts and high guarantees are not common here. An athlete usually agrees to perform for a percentage of the gate, believing that if he is good enough, the gate will be large enough to give him adequate compensation. But however you take it, "the game is the thing."

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Going a long way back is Bill Lang, who 35 years ago, was Australia's white hope for the heavyweight championship of the world. Then along came a young Negro from the states, Jack Johnson, who in his first fight here gave Lang a good trouncing. Winner or looser the Aussie is fundamentally a sport. Though still mindful of how Johnson blasted his hopes of world ring supremacy, Lang today has this to say of the ex-world champion:

"I believe I am the only man in the world who went 10 rounds with him and never laid a glove on him. If any man was a master of boxing, that man was Jack Johnson. I have only one complaint to make against him. He is the worst corresponden I have ever known."

Lang is now a hotel keeper in Melbourne and he is looking forward with eagerness to the proposed visit of Joe Louis and his team. "I've never seen Joe Louis (he pronounces it Looey) but if it is true, as they say, he is better than Jack Johnson, then may God have mercy on the soul of the man who tries to fight him."

Fought Armstrong

A little closer to the present, Alf Blatch, about seven years ago, was lightweight champion of Australia. Today he is working in a war plant. Alf has a special interest in Henry Armstrong for it was Hammerin' Hank who in Madison Square garden gave Blatch the lacing of his life and knocked him out. Henry then was at the start of his three crown career.

Alf who is the only Australian to ever fight Henry, sends him this message: "Am glad your comeback was so successful, Henry. Hope that you have the same success with your team of boxers. I haven't forgotten you and I follow you in the press."

Alf retired a year ago and is now working in a war plant, doing a different type of fighting, but for a far greater cause.

Ambrose Palmer who actually lost his three Australian titles in one night to Leo "Deacon" Kelly, is likewise out of the game now, although still a young man. Ambrose was in the Australian army after having been rejected by the navy and air corps. However, his boxing injuries found him out, and he has been discharged. These days, he is Australia's youngest and keenest boxing manager and promises to bring a team over to the states after the war ends.

"Send my regards to Leo," he told us, "a great and fair fighter. Tell him I still don't know why he never won a world's crown. He hit me harder than Stribling did."

Other boxers from this side of the world who have crossed gloves with the pick of America's colored boxers are all in some phase of war effort today.

Mickey Miller, whose fights with Jackie Wilson and Johnny Hutchison are still regarded as fight classics of the decade, is now a young executive in the muntions plant

Joe Hall, former featherweight titleholder, who also fought Wilson and Hutchison, is now in New Guinea fighting on the field of battle and in odd moments at the Mores by stadium. He speaks well of Al Hoffman, of Chicago, whom he rates as the best featherweight boxer in Australia today.

Fred Henneberry whose last fight was with Archie Moore, is now a hotel keeper in Goulbourn in New South Wales. Fred, these days, is an aspiring politician and has gone highbrow even more than Chalky Wright.

Jack Carroll, who at one time fought Tiger Jack Payne, and who was spoken of in Austraila as the uncrowned welterweight champion of the world, is a workmate of Palmer's and Australia's leading boxing referee.

He says "All I can say is that I received much more applause as a fighter than I do as a referee. But I understand fight crowds and realize they support the greatest sport in the world. Tell Johnny Hutchison and Jackie Wilson and the host of Negro boxers we have been lucky enough to have entertained here that a great welcome will always be theirs in Australia. Believe me, I know what I'm talking about."

Joe Louis Party East Bound

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

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WASHINGTON

Swinging back eastward on the Southern leg of a tour around the nation, Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow and his group of boxers will appear during the next four weeks at twenty army installations in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Boxing exhibitions and talks on physical fitness are being provided for hundreds of thousands of soldiers at training centers and hospitals by the group, which is under direction of the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. Accompanying Sergeant Barrow are First Sgt. George Nicholson, Sgt. James Edgar, Cpl. Walker (Sugar Ray Robingson) Smith, Pvt. George (Jackie Wilson) Wilson, and Cpl. Robert J. Payne, trainer.

Party Itinerary

They are on their way this week end to El Paso, Texas. The schedule beginning Monday follows:

November 22, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; November 23, English Field, Amarillo, Texas; November 24, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas; November 25, Camp Howze, Gainesville, Texas, and (tentatively) and appearance later the same day at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas; November 26, Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas; November 29, Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas; November 30, Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; December 1, Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; December 2, Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas; December 3, a joint appearance for personnel at Kelly Field and at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas;

December 6, Camp Hood, Texas; December 7, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; December 8, Camp Crowder, Missouri; December 9, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; December 10, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas; December 13, Barksdale Field, Louisiana; December 14, Camp Polk, Louisiana; December 15, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; December 16, Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

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Beating The Gun

By ALVIN MOSES

Atlanta Daily World

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Sgt. Joe Louis' request to be an instructor of United States Army Military police (MP's) struck me as being entirely proper and in order. It is no secret that Joe has chafed under his assignments at Fort Riley (cavalry unit) and his ability to instruct MP's in boxing tactics might have the ttendency to cause many members of the military police in certain sections of the land to bring a prisoner in alive (pardon us, Mr. Buck) instead, of so many casualties due to hasty gunfire??????

A score of fans have talked with us during past two seasons about Davey Barnhill, great pitcher of Alex Pompez' Cubans baseball team:—some allege he was born in Cuba while others say, like Chalky Wright, the ex-featherweight boxing champion, he is of Mexican extraction: . . .

Well, we hate to disappoint fans but our information differs somewhat: . . . we are told that Barnhill is a native of Florida: . . . next week we will get the material from Davey himself and have a yarn to tell in our next installation of questions and answers . . . okay fans?

Outside of what I have had to say on the subject, we have seen no mention of the Ray Robinson-Henry Armstrong imbroglio scheduled for next August: . . . we get our story direct from Manager George P. Moore who is a stickler for giving out facts from three or four of our leading Negro citizens who sat on the committee who will outline worthy Negro charities who will benefit from this proposed match: . . . Fred Irvin is just one man who refuses to stay out of the news longer than a "hot second": The gabby Chicagoan who has made over Grupps gymnasium (116th street) until it shapes up as the very finest in all New Ytrk, plans having the foremost white and colored boxers; weight-lifters; circus performers; amateurs and pros in the realm of sports, make this their headquarters —wotta man.

Wherein We Utter the Uther Side Of the Story on Louis vs. Dempsey

Now is the time for all good fight fans to come to the support of Joe Louis in his mythical "journalistic" battle against Jack Dempsey!

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The reason is that the highly-respected sports scribe, Mr. Joe Williams, of the New York World-Telegram, has made the declaration publicly that he has climbed on the Jack Dempsey bandwagon, along with the U. S. servicemen who picked the Manassa Mauler as a better fighter than the Brown Bomber at his best in a national poll of "non-expert" opinion.

Mr. Williams is certainly entitled to his opinion. He has a right to that. But there are certainly a lot of weighty angles which he overlooked in tipping the scales in favor of Dempsey.

In all probability, much of the service vote was based on sentiment inasmuch as the majority certainly never saw Dempsey or Louis in action and therefore could hardly render expert opinion.

But with Williams, who has been a connoisseur of the art of fisticuffs for many years, it is a different story. His conclusions can be called the findings of an authority. And it is some of these deductions that we challenge.

First the matter of whether or not Dempsey could take a punch as well as Louis is certainly debatable. Firpo knocked him out of the ring and Tunney, never a terrific puncher, floored him. And Dempsey's relentless, aggressive type of attack kept his foes on the defense, thus Jack's ability to "take it" wasn't often tested.

Next Mr. Williams claims that "Dempsey was a better boxer than he was given credit for." The Mauler certainly didn't prove that against Tunney. In fact Gene was the first brilliant boxer to test Dempsey and Tunney made Jack look helpless and lost insofar as boxing ability was concerned. And even if Dempsey was a "better boxer" than he was given credit for, most of the experts agree that Louis is a better boxer than Jack and one of the best the heavyweight bracket ever produced.

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Joe's namesake scribe admits that "Louis is a good boxer and has lightning speed, but at the same time he isn't hard to hit." Yes, Joe can be hit. But so could Dempsey. Firpo, Tunney and two others who beat Dempsey —Jack Downey and Willie Meehan—proved that. Now suppose Louis, the greatest two-fisted hitter in ring history, had been in either Firpo's or Tunney's shoes. And what fighter in boxing history, with the possible exception of Jack Johnson, the master of the art of defense, couldn't be hit?

Test Proved That Joe's Reflexes Were Quicker Than Dempsey's

A test in the Louis training camp by the famed New York cartoonist, Burris Jenkins, on a reflectograph machine proved that Joe's fighting reflexes were faster than either Dempsey's or Tunney's. Louis' punches, which struck like lethal lightning, would have given the Bomber at his best distinct advantage of getting in the first and possibly the tell-tale punch. Because it would certainly not have been a "love-tap."

Williams builds up his case against Louis largely on the basis of the first Schmeling fight. But everyone knows that Joe Louis of 1936—when he first met the Black Uhlan —was far from being a finished fighter. He was still developing under the watchful eye of cagey Jack Blackburn and still dropping his right guard when jabbing with his left. Later, when he corrected that flaw, he became a finished fighter. Schmeling was rudely reminded of this fact when they met again.

Future generations of fistic followers will continue this never-to-be answered debate but the same Louis who pummelled Schmeling into a helpless, sprawling mass of humanity on the night of June 22, 1938, would have kayoed Dempsey at his best in three, torrid, punch-polluted rounds.

PLAN TO SEND LOUIS ON TOUR IS SHELVED

Atlanta Daily World

WASHINGTON — (SNS) — The BULLETIN! plan to send Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, on a tour of overseas army stations along with a company of other outstanding athletes, has been temporarily shelved, an unofficial source in the war department said Tuesday. The probability is that at the termination of his leave, about July 26, Louis will be assigned to a similar unit in continental United States.

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WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Without lifting a hand, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, to all practical purposes, paralyzed at least 2000 workers at the Pentagon building of the war department on Saturday, and came off unphased, unscathed and unbending as a result of his encounter with army officialdom.

The purpose of his visit was to discuss the possibility of joining a group of assorted athletes representing various sporting activities, who would tour the several overseas theaters of operations putting on exhibitions for the boys. The program is a new one for stations outside the continental United States, according to a source in the special services branch of the war department, but a memorandum covering the proposed plan is on the desk of a higher-up awaiting his action on Monday when he was expected to return.

If approved, the group would be made up of all stars and would be sent out much as the theater wing is doing, only the sports group would first undergo a period of training so that they would be able to lecture on physical fitness as well as to give exhibitions. The undertaking, it was explained, is something more than just a morale builder.

Joe Louis expressed extreme interest in the project and said he would take George Nichols, his sparring partner, with him. He also said he'd like to have Staff Sgt. Jackie Wilson and Pvt. Ray Robinson, both welterweights, accompany the group.

When he went out to Arlington, where the Pentagon building is located, the champion was rushed and mobbed by clerks, stenographers and other army personnel, who dropped their work and followed him wherever he went. The estimate is that at least [illegible] persons, mostly women who wanted just to touch him, followed him around the spacious building. Unlike many another who has visited the Pentagon, Joe had to have his lunch brought to him in the office of Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, in order to avoid the throngs.

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parted Tuesday [illegible] Kans., his regular post. During his several weeks' stay in Southern California, Louis greatly enhanced his popularity—if such a thing is possible—by appearing at the various army and Navy camps in the area. He refereed service men's boxing matches and paid visits to the hospitals where wounded war heroes were convalescing. Col. Frank T. McCabe, liaison officer connected with the filming of "This Is the Army," Sgt. Joe Louis de- had been exemplary, adding: "I cannot say too much in praise of him."

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CHAMPION RETURNS TO FORT RILEY

Pittsburgh Courier

HOLLYWOOD, June 24—With his work completed in Warner Brothers' screen [illegible]

PUBLIC INTERVIEW

Last week, representatives of the local press were granted one of the few public interviews held with the champion since he entered the service. Louis stated, at that time that he would still defend his title even if the war lasted four more years.

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"I am only 29 and can get in shape in eight weeks," said Louis.

Joe named Cpl. Billy Conn as his toughest opponent and said he would like to box him again now or after the war. He tabbed Max Baer as No. 2 and Max Schmeling, No. 3. He rated Jimmy Bivins the best man among the heavies outside the ranks.

Louis Views His Baby Girl And Poker Face Vanishes

Chicago Ill. Defender

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By AL MONROE

I saw Joe Louis face his daughter, Jacqueline Louis Barrow, for the first time last week.

The world's heavyweight champ, U.S. army sergeant and erstwhile Hollywood actor, arrived here from Fort Riley, Kans., for the first glimpse of his daughter after a speedy journey by plane and train from Lawton, Okla., where he was seconding USO boxers.

Rushing to Provident hospital where his wife, Marva, and the tiny Louis heir are "doing fine" Joe with his usual poker face looked at the new-born girl through the glass window of the nursery.

A broad smile spread over his face as the little tot started waving her hands, as though in a greeting to her daddy. And then she started crying, which seems to please Joe Louis no end.

Routed By Nurses

I have seen Joe in many a spot before but not once have I seen him so affected as in his first meeting with his daughter.

Joe lost a decision to Provident nurses before he got his first look at Jacqueline. On his arrival in Chicago, he was in a hurry to get to the hospital and your correspondent piled into cab with Pat Brooks, the champ's brother; Charlie Glenn of the Rhumboogie cafe; Judson McDowell, a companion and a photographer in wild pursuit of the champ.

We all reached the hospital about the same time and the party rushed to the door and up the elevator.

Our first stop was at nurses' quarters where the five of us were robed in white aprons.

Joe Crashes Nursery

The first to dress was Joe—naturally for wasn't he the father and the day's hero. While the party was being gowned, a big noise broke loose. For suddenly Joe disappeared and when found was meandering around in the "nursery" searching for his offspring, something prohibited in any hospital. He was being chased by a horde of nurses.

And then came the treat of the day for we all wanted to see how the champ registered at the first glimpse of his child. And to make sure we followed him to the glass door that separated us from the youngster, watching not the child but Joe Louis.

There was no smile on the champ's face, rather that same sad poker face that is his custom. When he raised his two hands to grasp the glass through which he was peering, his actions resembled that of Joe Louis preparing to greet a new fistic rival, only his fists weren't clutched and there were no gloves. And then suddenly came the relief for Joe Louis was smiling.

Kisses Marva

Then quickly Louis was off to room 6 where wife, Marva, was resting. As we entered, Marva was having breakfast. As Joe entered the room, she bore a big smile and when the two kissed, we all tried to turn our heads but to no avail, for the sight was too touching to miss.

"How you feeling, Marva?" was the champ's first remark.

Mrs. Louis answered, "Fine," Then she asked "Did you get cold coming here?"

The two chatted about things in general and the baby and how long she'd have to remain in the hospital. Finally they asked us all to leave the room—they wanted to discuss matters of importance only to themselves. We were out for 15 minutes and then the famous champion and father summoned us back—sans the photographer.

"Well," said Joe, "we've named the baby Jacqueline out of respect to Chappy." (The late trainer, Jack Backburn.)

"Her full name is Jacqueline Louis Barrow."

Wih this over, Marva reached into a lower drawer and pulled out an attractive sweater which she had knitted for the champ. "Wear this, Joe," she urged him, "so you won't take cold."

As we left the hospital, reporters galore awaited the champ. They sought photographs and statements but Joe gave out none and permitted no pictures. His only statement was about his future plans, a trip to California and participation in a movie film, "This Is The Army."

That afternoon he bowled several games and then after seeing the first show at the Rhumboogie retired for the night.

He was up at noon the next day, visited the hospital, said goodbye to Marva and Jacqueline Louis and took a train for California. His stay on the Coast is for three months, after which he knows nothing of his plans. That part is up to the War Department entirely, the champ told reporters.

Sgt. Joe Louis Pinch Hits For Gracie Fields

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

the Army substitutes for the Gracie Fields show from England recently. This bout was the first one staged by the great Louis since his induction into the Army.

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PRESS BOX

By LEM GRAVES, JR.



Joe's Doing A Great Job, Minus The Bars

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The Army seems to be trying to keep it a secret but there is mounting evidence that Sergeant Joe Louis has been assigned to functions that are essentially those of a morale officer. Why has he not been given a morale officers commission and appropriate credentials, accompanied by some fanfare befitting the occasion?

Let's examine the evidence: Louis has been absent from Fort Riley Kansas, his calvary replacement center and ostensibly his present station, for many weeks now. His part in "This is the Army," which he left Riley to do for the Hollywood film colony, was comparatively small and the shooting has been over some time.

But the Champ has not returned to Riley. Instead he has been going here and there to West Coast service camps giving pep talks, demonstrating boxing techniques, refereeing camp ring shows, and generally exploiting his fame and popularity for the edification of Joe Soldier.

In addition to this, rumors are current that Louis is being considered as one of the sports personalities who will be taken directly to the front where the soldiers are fighting.

Hip, Hip, Hooray. That's the kind of stuff I've been plugging after for our Joe. Forget that Billy Conn vs. Joe Louis fight ballyhoo. This is the job Joe ought to be doing. As your observer has said so often, the guys who really would get a lift out of an exhibition by the champ, couldn't take enough time off from the job of fighting the nation's enemies to get to Yankee Stadium for one of Mike Jacob's extravaganzas, with the $30 top and the $3.30 minimum.

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Course, while this corner is tickled pink to see Joe doing the things he's shown doing in the pictures on our sports pages this week, we still want to know, why the War Department is so quiet about the matter and how come Joe "ain't" sporting some bars to show that he's a real morale officer.

Joe Scares Soldiers At Fort Knox

Soldiers Suffer Blitz

Weekly Review

Fright, Louis Did Not Show Up Almost

OCT 9 1943

Birmingham, Ala.

FT. KNOX, Ky., Oct. (ANP) — Sgt. Joe Louis,, heavyweight boxing champion of the world threw a scare into soldiers stationed at this camp last week when he failed to appear on schedule for an exhibition bout. The fellows has been eagerly awaiting the fistic kingpin's arrival but when time came to put the show on Louis was nowhere to be found.

Not even his captain, Carroll Fitzgerald of the public relations office of the war department, who is accompanying the champ on his tour of army camps, could produce the body. Everything turned out allright, however, when the champ showed up two hours late beaming because he had whipped Cpl. Ray "Sugar" Robinson by 90 pins in a West Walnut bowling alley.

Louis arrived just at the moment when Capt. Fitzgerald and Maj. P. M. Heverly, Ft. Knox special service officer had given him up. The soldiers meanwhile had entertained themselves by putting on amateur bouts, awarding softball and basketball trophies and community singing. They were improvising on "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" when king Louis mounted the throne.

The heavyweight ruler had arrived at Ft. Knox earlier in the day after a motor trip from Camp Atterbury, Ind., and made a round of the post. He visited the hospital then proceeded to the field house to address a group of soldiers at the service club and the regimental headquarters.

Besides Fitzgerald the champ's party consists of Cpl. Walter Smith (Sugar), Pvt. George Nicholson, Pvt. George "Jackie" Wilson, Cpl. Robert Payne, and Sgt. Edgar James.

In his talk Louis stresses physical fitness. "If you go into battle in good shape, ," he said, "you got more chance of coming out unhurt. It's just like the fight game, the baseball game or the football game. Condition counts plenty."

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

JOE LOUIS, SOLDIER.

Mrs. Joe Louis says she has been studying as champion he entered the ring fat mo
singing and intends to embark upon a career quently than any one else who ever wo
as an entertainer. She says that with Joe in title. Then why hasn't he been give
the army the family needs a additional income. of his country.

What the financial condition of the family may be, we do not know, but we know that Sgt. Louis has been in the army for nearly two years; that he has a superb physique and unrivaled coordination; that he has a fighting heart, as was proved by the fact that he has been in the army for more fre
That doesn't seem fair to him. Why isn't he a paratrooper?

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BEHIND THE PLAY

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

By DON DELEIGHBUR

NEW YORK — The War Department after allowing reports to get out that Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, would finally be allowed to make that much desired world tour of army posts boxing exhibitions and demonstrating physical fitness, has apparents reneged on the whole thing and has temporarily shelved the entire idea. This only bears out the view this columnist took last week when I pointed out in so many words that Louis' hopes were likely to be dashed cruelly against the wall of indifference by the powers that be in DC who have little sympathy with boxing in particular.

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The mistake, as I see it, was in Joe's reaction. The heavyweight champion was in New York when a buncha of us, including Hype Igoe, Bill Corum, Dick (Daily News) McCann, Dan Parker, Caswell Adams and Lester Bromberg talked with him in the air-cooled offices of Mike Jacob's Century Sporting Club.

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It was natural for Joe to get talkative when it became apparent that the War Department was finally going to relent and allow him some measure of comfort for the things he did voluntarily to help the war effort before he was put in uniform. In getting talkative, Joe has evidently blocked his own chances for the War Department, for some reason, has taken the attitude that Louis is to be made the target of a program of "forgetfulness".

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That the champion has put himself in the peculiar role of the guy who goes overboard for something and then gets the short end of the deal is apparent to everyone who takes the trouble to study the matter. Louis had no one but himself and his advisers, including Johnny Roxborough, Julian Black and Mike Jacobs, (maybe Walter Winchell) to blame for giving up his end of the purse in two heavyweight title fights for benefit of (1) Navy Relief, and (2) Army Emergency Relief.

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In the first instance, Joe laid himself open for just criticism of the Negro Press for benefiting an institution that had a long and unsavory record for Jim Crowing members of his race who wanted to serve their country on the high seas.

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Everybody was hailing Joe's unselfish demonstration of true Americanism; everyone figured that Louis might get the recognition his act called for. Everyone was disappointed. The champion spent an obscure period as a private; he was then boosted to a corporalcy and later on, was shipped to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he won a Sergeancy.

Outside of that, Louis' record shows scant attention by the powers that be in relationship to his true worth as a morale builder and a person whose talents have been allowed to be dissipated in apparent inactivity. This is no criticism of War Department policy and procedure; instead it is an objective discussion of what is on the record insofar as the public has been allowed to see it.

Right now the bad taste of the proposed Joe Louis-Billy Conn return championship fight for benefit of Army Relief a year ago is still in everybody's mouth. No one yet is satisfied with the arbitrary stand of Secretary of War Stimson in abruptly ruling out the fight in which the whole nation, in fact most of the world, had an interest.

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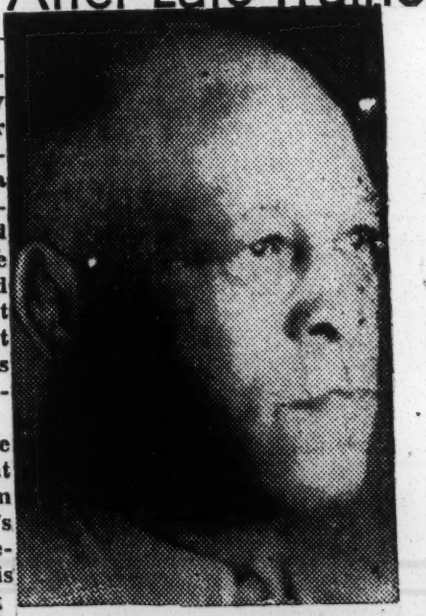
The cautious admission in Washington that the War Department might finally concede to allow Louis to go abroad on a tour of army posts was partly the result of these efforts.

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But Joe acted like he would welcome the chance and once he did that, then Washington changed like a chameleon. I called the War Department Wednesday and was told that no one there knew anything about the tour except what they had read in the papers. I knew at once that unless somebody on top takes a change of heart, Louis is doomed to continue his inactivity unless Washington undergoes a definite change of heart.

Louis Scores Knockout For Friend Jack Blackburn

Baby Is Named After Late Trainer



JACK BLACKBURN

Joe Louis Barrow scored a one-round knockout Friday. The army sergeant became te proud father of a baby girl last Monday morning at Provident hospital. Mrs. Marva Trotter Barrow, the mother decided that the baby's name would be Marjo, a combination of the first names of her's and the world heavyweight champion. At that time, the Brown Bomber was at Fort Riley, Kans., where he has been assigned as boxing instructor.

Louis arrived in town late Thursday night. Just what went on will never be known but when Louis was asked what the baby's name was he said it was "Jacqueline" and that he was naming his baby girl after the late Jack Blackburn who was his close friend, trainer and adviser.

Everybody remembered the closeness of the two men. Those who knew Blackburn knew that he was like a father to Louis. He trained the Brown Bomber from a Golden Gloves amateur light-heavyweight champion to a world champion and it was only the last fight, the one against Abe Simon in Madison Square Garden last March, that Blackburn had not trained Louis and was not in his corner that night. Blackburn was in Provident hospital. He wired his boy" to make it short and snappy.

Blackburn died Friday, April 24, at his home on East Fiftieth street, Chicago. The following Wednesday Louis was one of the pallbearers at Blackburn's funeral. Joe was visably affected during the funeral services. "His friend was gone."

The naming of the baby for Blackburn writes another chapter in the history of the two men. Although Louis has never said much—he is not talkative—his love and esteem shown forth in all of its glory when he named the baby "Jacqueline."

And to those who have followed Louis through his professional ring career the old familiar answer to questions asked the champion is recalled. It would be "that's the way 'Chappie' wanted it done." "Chappie" was Louis' nickname for Blackburn.

The fineness in the character of men always rises at births and deaths in the family. Although Louis overruled Marva on the naming, everyone was pleased that it was his old and true friend, Jack Blackburn, the child was named for.

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$3,000 Bid For Gloves! Does Joe Hear $4,000?

Here's Your Chance to Get a Pair of Joe Louis' Famous Gloves! Offers Historic Mitts He Kayoed Conn With to Highest War Bond Bidder!

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FEB 20 1943

Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, once again is making a personal sacrifice for the benefit for which he is fighting. The only fistic champion in history to ever put his title at stake for the benefit of his country, Louis is staging an historic contribution. Here in Pittsburgh last week, Sergeant Louis announced that he will offer his famous gloves with which he knocked out champion said, "but I believe fight with Billy Conn to the person who will bid the most for them in war bonds.

Louis was in Pittsburgh for a every fight fan in the country a chase enough war bond community celebration and auc- chance to bid for the gloves. them. They can't lose on tioned off more than $7,000 worth So now the historic gloves are like that. They will get divi- of war bonds. During the auc- on the block at Joe's request dends from the bonds and at the tion, Joe announced that he will offer his famous gloves with which he knocked out champion said, "but I believe the happiness to I am asking some one purbonds to get a deal will be topped some time this week.

As auctioneer Joe Louis cries: "The gentleman (Mr. Rosen) bids $500, but Mr. Harry Rosen, Pittsburgh restaurant proprietor, topped the original bid when he offered $3,000. At the present time, Rosen's bid of 3 thousand, but it is expected that this figure will be topped some time this week.

As auctioneer Joe Louis cries: "The gentleman (Mr. Rosen) bids $3,000. Do I hear $4,000?"

Sgt. Joe Louis will offer his famous gloves ! ond Bidder !

making a per- champion in his- s is again mak- same time become the owner of the gloves. I think that is a great bargain."

Louis announced

Sgt. Joe Louis Dropped in on Largest Negro Military Group



FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. —Out of the blue skies, so familiar to Fort Huachuca, a plane last Monday dropped, and from it stepped the United States Army "Edition" of a large man, now formally and officially known as Calvaryman Sgt. Barrow, but one affectionately known, and more often hailed "Joe Louis."

Sergeant Barrow stepped down from the plane into the sunlight of Fort Huachuca and the clicking of Signal Corps cameras, and thus began a three-day tour of the post, the cantonement and the surrounding training areas of the 92nd Infantry Division. His epic tour completed, Sergeant Barrow returned from whence he had come—to the Studios of Warner Brothers, in Hollywood, Calif, there to complete his roles in Irving Berlin's picture, "This is the Army."

Slightly reversing an "old one"—Sergeant Barrow came, saw and was conquered. He was, by his own admission, conquered by a welcome that began in Colonel Edwin N. Hardy's Post Headquarters Office, and ended only when his plane was lost to sight over the horizon.

Idolized beyond the expression of words, Sergeant Barrow never for a moment lost his natural poise and accompanying humility. And he added in large measure to his reputation of being one of the finest of gentlemen, and a credit to his race, his civilian profession, and to the country to which he offered his military services some sixteen months ago.

Timely Advice

Colonel Hardy reminded Sergeant Barrow of his tremendous responsibility to his people and to himself as one of the most publicized persons in the world today.

"You are worshipped by your people and admired by everybody with whom you have come in contact, and by all who have seen you in the ring and out of it, and by everybody who has read about straight road on which he pllaced upon you a great responsibility and I know you are not going to let any of us down," said Colonel Hardy.

Sergeant Barrow thanked Colonel Hardy and assured him that he would continue along the same traight road on which he placed his feet more than a decade ago.

Retzlaff, Jack Sharkey, Al Ettore, Jorge Brescia, and Eddie Simms were added to the list. The only defeat suffered by Louis was at the hands of Max Schmeling in 1936.

Louis won the championship in 1937 in Chicago by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round, and since that time has met and defeated all contenders for his coveted crown. His most sensational victory was the stunning one round kayo of Schmeling in their return engagement in 1938. Louis has scored knockouts over Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper, Tony Galento, Bob Pastor, Johnny Paychek, Arturo Godoy, Al McCoy, Red Barman, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simon, Tony Musto, Buddy Baer, and Billy Conn. The Brown Bomber's record included 45 knockouts in 53 contests, seven decisions, one defeat, and one exhibition.

Joe Louis Opens Tour Of Camps

Chicago, Ill. Defender

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CAMP MEADE, Md. — Sgt. Joe Louis was due to appear here this week in the first of a series of boxing exhibitions and physical education demonstrations, mapped by the army for his nationwide tour of military camps.

The local appearance followed only two days after the heavyweight champion took part in the Chicago Defender's Salute to Victory parade, sponsored by the Bud Billiken club.

In the Louis party for the tour are Cpl. Ray Robinson, uncrowned welterweight king, and George Nicholson, the champion's favorite sparring partner. Robinson has been at Fort Dix, N. J. Louis will later be joined by Sgt. Jackie Wilson, who is assigned to an aviation squadron at Mitchell Field, Long Island. Wilson was a member of the 1936 Olympic boxing team which represented the U. S. in the Berlin games.

The next stop of the entourage will be at Fort Devens, Mass.

Joe Louis Visits Pacific Parachute Plant On Coast

Chicago Ill. Defender

By J. ROBERT SMITH

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—After being released from his assignments in the Warner Brothers studios in Hollywood where he was making the picture, "This Is The Army," Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, was the guest of the Pacific Parachute company here last week at the special invitation of Howard "Skippy" Smith, president of the firm which is engaged in the manufacture of pilot parachutes.

In welcoming Sgt. Louis to the city, Mayor Harley Knox at a reception given in the champion's to have you as the guest of the city honor said, "I am more than happy while in San Diego. You are both a credit to the boxing world, your race, and now the United States Army."

Praising the company, which is the first Negro-owned business in the United States to employ people of various nationalities, Mayor Knox said, "The Pacific Parachute company demonstrates the will to win the war. To obtain maximum production and win this war are not the things that are confined to any one race."

The employees comprise of Negroes, American whites, Mexican, Brazilians, and some of German and Italian descent.

The mayor provided the champ and his party with adequate motorcycle aud police escort, when through the courtesy of Mr. Smith, Sgt. Louis visited the Naval Training Station, Consolidated Aircraft, North Island Naval Station, Rohr Aircraft and the local USO.

In his usual modest manner, President Smith in answer to the encouraging remarks said, "My efforts here are my humble contribution to my race, and to the war effort.'

SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia
By Joel W. Smith

DON'T TAKE JOE LOUIS SERIOUSLY



According to a news release from Chicago, "Joe Louis probably will not fight [illegible] more in defense of his world's heavyweight championship because if he isn't able to do it soon, he won't ever be able again." Sgt. Joe Louis Earrow, the celebrated Brown Bomber is reported to have sanctioned this statement more than a year ago at Fort Riley. Louis who has been the most colorful of all heavyweight champions has chalked up the most amazing record in fistic circles. He began his brilliant professional career in 1934 with ten knockouts. In 1935, the Brown Bomber came thru with eleven more knockouts, for a record of 21 kayoes. Among his victims were: Primo Carnera, King Levinsky, Max Baer, Paulino Uzcudun, and in 1936 Charlie

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SGT. LOUIS IN TOWN

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois



Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, as he arrived at the Dearborn station in Chicago yesterday. Louis, who is on an unannounced government assignment, will visit Detroit, Mich., and Pittsburgh, Pa.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

Movie Finished

Sergt. Joe Louis arrived yesterday on detached duty from Fort Riley, Kansas, receiving hardly any more attention from the throng in the Dearborn street station concourse than any other soldier. The heavyweight champion was uncertain about his future fight plans.

Louis will leave tomorrow for Detroit, return to Chicago Tuesday, and then depart for Pittsburgh. He is reported to be making these visits on orders from the government.

Joe was due back in Fort Riley last Monday, but whether he came direct from the camp or from Hollywood was undetermined. He recently finished work on a movie, "This Is the Army."

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala

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Joe Louis Says When War Is Over, He Wants Conn First

HOLLYWOOD, June 12.—(AP)—Sergt. Joe Louis is thinking about the future—and Billy Conn.

If the war lasts a year, Louis said today in an army-authorized interview, he can speedily get into shape to defend his heavyweight boxing championship, and the first man he'd like to meet is Conn.

"In fact," said Joe, "I'd like to meet Conn now if the government would give permission, but if we have to wait until after the war, then Billy is still my No. 1 opponent."

Louis put to rest the reports that he might retire as champion, but said the length of the war necessarily would influence his ability.

"Right now I could get in shape in eight weeks, he remarked. "A year from now I can still get into shape, but after two or three years, who can tell?"

Louis was interviewed on the set of the movie "This is the Army."

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Chicago, Illinois

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JOE LOUIS WINS DECISION OVER INTERVIEWERS

10:45 Engagement Joined at 2:05 A.M.

BY EDWARD PRELL.

A report on Sgt. Joe Louis after a year and a half in the army, and with a report which was obtained only after the sergeant gave the clock a terrific punching around:

Sgt. Louis, who arrived in Chicago at 10:45 a. m. Monday, finally got a decision over that old debbil time and gave himself up for an interview at 2:05 o'clock yesterday morning in a steaming cafe on the south side, whose menu cover features an autographed picture of the world heavyweight boxing champion.

Joe was to have made his appearance at the cafe at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night but reporters, who by previous experience knew that Joe and his party were strangers, actually were surprised when he arrived only 2 hours and 5 minutes late, with his wife, Marva, on his shirt sleeved arm.

Said to Be Part Owner.

Joe playfully cuffed a pal in the entrance of the place and the fellow dropped to his knees. Charley Glenn, proprietor of the cafe, took charge of his guests and escorted them thru the crowded floor to a ringside table. It has been reported that Joe owns a part of the enterprise, but Charlie insists it isn't so.

"Joe lent me some money, and I opened up the place," said Charley. "But he has no financial interest at all in it." Then, slyly, "I like to let people think Joe's a partner because it helps business."

Well, Joe first had to order a steak and sliced tomatoes before reciting details of his military career. At 12:50, Charlie reported, "Joe will see you as soon as he gets thru eating." At 1 a. m. the place was filled, making Charlie a poor prophet. Earlier in the evening he had said, "Too hot tonight for the folks to come out, and anyway they're waitin' for the new show that's comin' in."

Introduced to Guests.

At 1:35 a. m., the steak having been finished, the master of ceremonies introduced the sergeant, and the band promptly struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," while Joe stood at attention.

And then, at 2:05, Charlie said that the time for the interview had arrived, and blazed a trail between tables to Joe and Marva. Three fellows, all white, came up to shake the champion's hand.

Mrs. Louis was in a gay mood, but Joe, who had taken an afternoon siesta after the rigors of an 18 hole golf match in Jackson park, wasn't talkative even tho he had shot a 77, and a score like that ought to get words out of the Sphinx.

"Joe's really getting domesticated," said Marva, "he fed Jacqueline [their 4 months old daughter] her bottle this afternoon." He even crooned a tune for the baby, she said. This is the second occasion Joe has seen his daughter.

And the Band Plays On.

Joe made no attempt to give further proof of his domesticity, but it could have been he didn't hear what Marva was saying because the band was really giving forth and the dance floor was filled with shuffling feet.

The champion got around to mentioning that Lt. Col. James Roosevelt was his traveling companion from Los Angeles to Kansas City. "He showed me a lot of Japanese money and told some funny stories about the war," volunteered Joe.

Joe said he is on a month's furlough. From Chicago he will go to Detroit to visit his mother. He reports in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 3, where he said he will get instructions on his duties during this trip, which ostensibly can't be a furlough. He will stop in Chicago in about two weeks, he said, on his way back to Fort Riley, Kas., where he is stationed when he isn't traveling.

The sergeant has just finished spending five months in Hollywood on the picture, "This Is the Army," in which he appears in seven scenes.

Before going to California for the film, Joe came to Chicago from Fort Riley on Feb. 11 to see his new-born daughter. He spent Christmas of 1942 with Mrs. Louis in Chicago. He passed thru Chicago on Sept. 10 of last year on the way east to train for his fight with Billy Conn, which was called off by Secretary of War Stimson. He was in Chicago on April 27, 1942, as a pallbearer for his trainer, Jack Blackburn. A month before he had come from New York to visit Jack in a Chicago hospital.

At Fort Riley, his duties are teaching the boxing class in the daytime, and a boxing class from 7 to 9 p. m., Joe said. He would like to stay in special service work, but would welcome an assignment to Africa. Most of all, tho, the sergeant, now 29 and at 219, 15 pounds over his ring weight, would like to fight again with those gloves.

"I would like to see can I still fight," he said wistfully above the cafe noise.

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New York, N. Y

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His 'Army' Role Brief but Sound

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Hasn't Sgt. Joe Louis always had an affinity for big gates? Those associated with the non-profit Army motion picture in which the heavyweight champion has a part in Irving Berlin's This Is the Army, coming to the screen of the Hollywood July 26, say he's in on a ten-million-dollar promotion this time. The stage version produced two million for Army Emergency Relief; people think the picture will gross five times that.

Louis, who incidentally dumped around $34,000 into the AER till from his last fight with Joe Simon, knows he's only a preliminary boy on this card. But, according to those who have seen the rushes, Louis is used well, if sparingly. He makes marching appearances with the unit in various scenes and in the finale, but one must look sharp to catch the sarge. They all look alike in battle dress.

However, Louis has featured spots. The showiest is the scene from the stage production, What the Well Dressed Soldier from Harlem Will Wear. While agile soldier steppers tap it out in dance rhythm, Joe hits a punching bag you might expect, old faithful George Nicholson, an army sergeant, too.

Louis Needed Three Retakes For Bag-Punching Scene.

In making this scene, Louis required three retakes. Once he belted the bag off the ball-bearing trolley. A couple of times he lost the rhythm, ironic in view of his nearly perfect punching rhythm in the ring.

Earlier in the picture Joe is seen punching a heavy bag and also doing some sparring. His sparring partner is not, as

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Sergeant Joe Louis was in Chicago today en route East on a special government mission.

He visited his wife, Marva, and his 4-month-old daughter, Jacqueline, then carded a 77 over a golf course.

The heavyweight boxing champion said his next stop would be Detroit where he will visit his mother. He is to report at Pittsburgh, July 3, where he said he will get instructions on his duties during his present trip.

He mills around with a civilian and it is extra whose name is Art Foster. to Louis' picture. The theme of the picture is that a group of '17 and '18 veterans seeking you Yaphank. Someone asks: "Aren't you nervous, Joe?" And he answers: "No, God's on our side." "Listen, Joe," Oshins pleaded, "you were colder than ice in the fight when you were in danger of losing your title. But that was for yourself. But this is for Uncle Sam. Now smile"—and Joe broke into the grin the cameraman wanted.

Joe on the set. Oshins saved the day in one particular scene. Joe had been asked to break into a big smile, but couldn't seem to do it. Finally Oshins pleaded, "Joe, as a member of the unit which leads the cast at a post and the show is to open Hollywood on assignment in their of 350, was on stage of losing your title. But that was for yourself. But this is for Uncle Sam. Now smile"—and Joe broke into the grin the cameraman wanted.

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'PRINCESS OF FISTIANA" — JACQUELNE LOUIS BARROW — Sgt. Joe Louis and his pretty wife, Marva had a busy week with little Jacqueline shown above. The Sergeant has been home on a furlough since July 13, and spent most of his time with his daughter. The five and one-half month old "princess" has been acclaimed by press and the public as being America's Number One infant as far as popularity is concerned. Papa Joe was left all alone with Jacqueline last Tuesday while Mrs. Louis busied herself with her charitable work.

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

The LOW DOWN

Will Joe Louis Be Too Old to Fight After the War? We Doubt It.

NAT LOW

Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow had a few words to say the other day which are typical of him and which caused a good deal of comment in the sports pages. Interviewed by a U.P. reporter, King Joe said, among other things, "My main business when there isn't a war is prize fighting, and I'm banking on the ring again when the war is over. If the war lasts four or five more years, however, I guess it will retire me. Five years from now I will be 34 and I think that will be a little too old to fight again. . . . Meanwhile, the first thing we've got to do is win this war."

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Joe's preoccupation with winning the war is well known. He always had a healthy, conscious and positive position on the war despite the fact that the humiliating jim crow regulations which hamstring millions of his people from complete and full participation in the struggle must have shaken his faith in the character of the war any number of times.

The most interesting part of his statement for a sports writer is his desire to come back to the ring and the game which gave him his unprecedented fame and success.

Joe is 29 years old now and has been in the Army a little over a year. He is in wonderful shape and as he himself said not many weeks ago, he could get into shape for a fight in eight or nine weeks. Army life is rigorous, wholesome and healthy if not particularly satisfactory to the special demands which prize fighting makes on a man's muscles and body. But there is no doubt that Joe is now just a wee bit removed in physical equipment from the devastating fighter who left behind him a trail of battered and beaten fighters.

He isn't any better than he was say, in 1940, but he certainly has not slipped too much.

And what he may have lost in the way of speed and recuperative powers (**a fighter seldom loses his punching prowess**) he most certainly will make up for it in experience, knowledge and general ring acumen.

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He'll Still Be Great in 4 Years

Joe says he may be unable to fight if the war lasts four or five more years. Well, the only way the war can possibly last that much longer is if the second front is not opened at all.

However, if and when that second front is opened, and it had better be, the war will be over this year in Europe and next year in Asia and the Pacific.

The whole time elapsed will be two years, at the most, from today. Joe will be then just 31 years of age and that is still a good age to fight for a man of Joe's ability and habits.

There have been any number of heavyweight champs who have won the title at 30 or better. Bob Fitzsimmons, the Cornishman, stopped Gentleman Jim Corbett when he was 35. Jack Johnson (in the opinion of many, including our cartoonist Freddy Ellis, he was the greatest of all heavyweights) beat Tommy Burns for the title when he was 32. Jim Jeffries took the title (or was it given to him?) from Johnson when he was 32. And Jim Braddock, the most recent of the old men, beat Maxie Baer at the ripe age of 30.

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In recounting these names let it be said that none of the fighters mentioned above suffered less punishment in the ring than Louis and this is important for a fighter. The only real bad beating Joe ever took was in his first fight with Max Schmeling, when at the age of 21 he was slaughtered for 12 rounds before collapsing to the canvas in a heap.

Joe has always taken good care of himself and his stolid, imperturbable nature has made it possible for him to conserve great strength and energy for the future.

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Greatest of All Time

It is our considered and thoughtful opinion that Joe is the greatest fighter in history. Old timers of course may disagree, but it is hard to conceive of any man matching the all-around strength, speed, hitting power, boxing skill and native ring intelligence of this soft spoken Negro battler who has proven himself as great a man as he is a fighter.

Sure King Joe may be beaten one day—it is only natural, for the world moves on and nothing remains static. But for some years to come Louis will still be a champion of the fistic world. Nobody around today can beat him and that includes Billy Conn, the laughing boy. Conn's battle with Louis two years ago was a masterpiece—perhaps one of the greatest ring fights in history—but had they met again Joe would have halved the time it took him to kayo Billy in the first fight. He most probably would have put him away inside of six rounds, for no one fights Joe twice and does better the second time out. Joe learn too fast, too keenly; and his learning is rapidly expressed in action—swift, thunderous and devastating action which in its dazzling speed and thoroughness is the most beautiful thing to behold in the world of sports.

King Joe is still King Joe—and will be for some time to come.

Soldiers Overseas Will See Louis Box

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 10—Sgt. Joe Louis is going back to boxing—in exhibitions at Army posts around the world.

Whether he will go back to professional fighting after the war, the heavyweight champion said today at the War Department, will depend on how long the war lasts.

Details of his world tour, on which he also will give lessons in physical conditioning, remain to be worked out, Louis said. He expressed the hope that he can take his old sparring partner, Sgt. George Nichols, along. Joe also wants Ray Robinson and Sgt Jackie Wilson, boxers, with him.

Now on furlough, Louis said he expects to play in a golf tournament in Chicago beginning July 19, adding that as a golfer "I'll just be one of the crowd."

Last year Secretary of War Stimson canceled a projected title fight between Louis and Corp. Billy Conn. There is a chance they might meet in the exhibition tour. Conn was said by the Army to be now at Camp Campbell, Ky.

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Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala

By LEONARD LYONS

Joe Louis, the heavyweight champ, had to appear at Camp Upton on an Army matter. He arrived there promptly, and learned that he had to sign some official documents. Louis seated himself at the table and affixed his signature to a sheaf of papers placed before him. He signed 17 documents. . . . "These papers are all alike," the puzzled champ told the sergeant. . . . "That's right. They are all alike," replied the sergeant. . . . "Then why do I have to sign 'em all?" asked Louis. . . . "Original and duplicate are for the Army files," explained the sergeant, distributing the papers among the soldiers there. "The rest—autographs."

Joe Louis Draws Praise From His Picture Buddies

Champ Extremely Proud Of His Sergeant Stripes

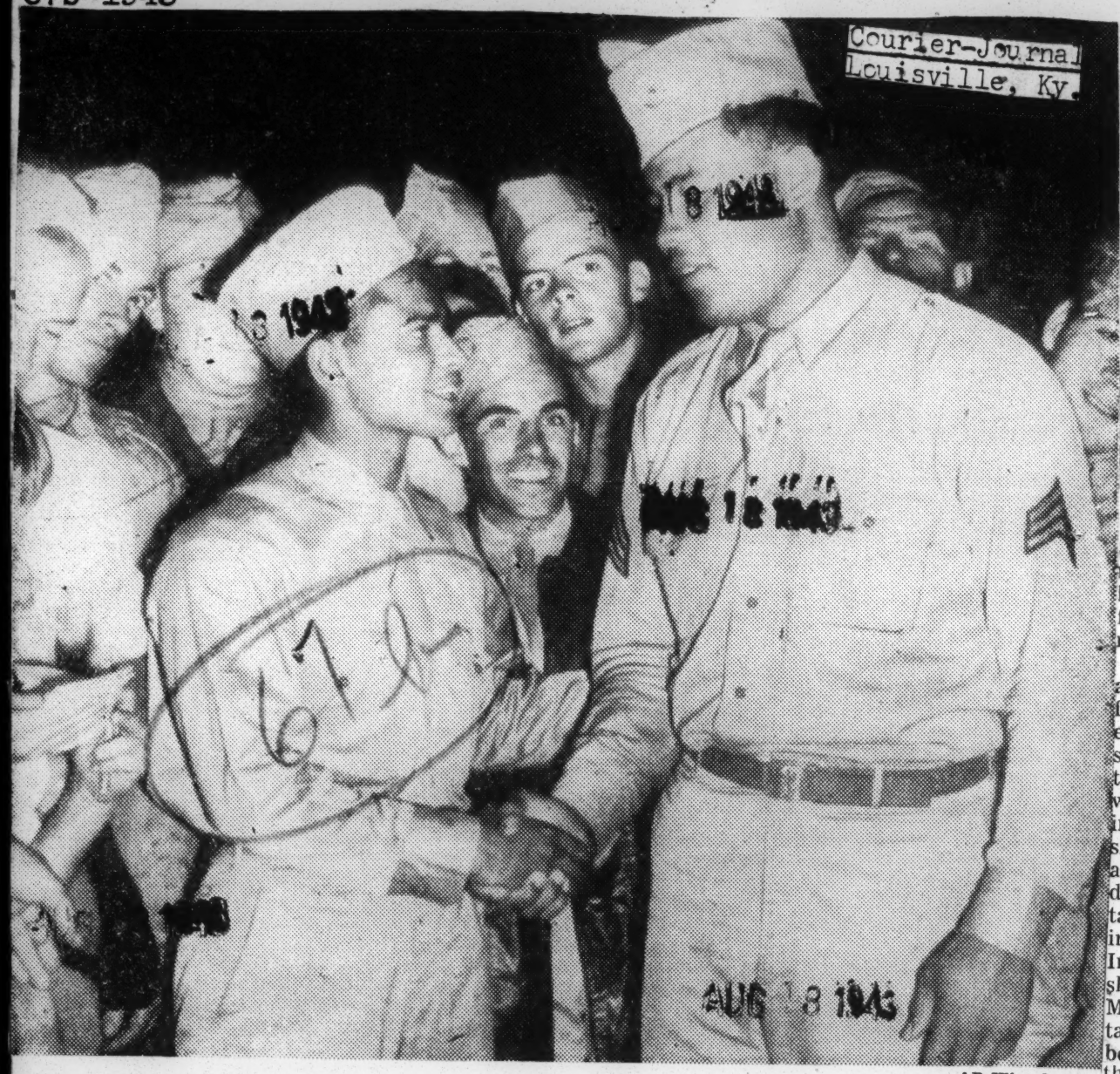
Montgomery Daily World

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Champion Joe Louis, who as all sundry know, is in the army and is correctly addressed as 'Joe,' a few like to has gone up to 220, but he looks sergeant. Sidney's story is in the since his arrival here, and was dress Joe as 'Champ' and all of them trim and says he could take off form and letter and was written very proud the Sunday his colonel call him 'Champ' and all of them trim and says he could take off by a group of lads in "This Is The accepted his invitation to go with enjoy threatening to take a punch the extra poundage without effort. The Army." him. Sgt. Joe reports every morn at him. Joe grins but points to his grins but points to his

T. Sidney Skolsky, syndicate columnist goes the palm for the best story of the week. It refers to Sgt. Joe Louis, who as all hopes to be sent overseas. He Col. McCabo smiled. Most of the three breakfasts of eggs and 'This Is The Army' ad- stacks of wheatcake. His weight

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AP Wirephoto.

THE CHAMP MET SABU recently at Fort Meade, Md. Here Sergt. Joe Louis shakes Sabu Da Stagir by the hand during a program for soldiers at the post. Sabu is a film star who has been featured in stories about India.

Joe Louis, Wife Separate; to Seek Divorce After War

Baltimore, Maryland
afro-American

Marva, in N.Y.C. to Study Music, to Keep Daughter, Jacqueline, for Duration

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The marriage of Joe and Marva is on the rocks!

This climax to the romance of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, Sgt. Joe Louis, and the gorgeous Marva Trotter, was confirmed last week by Marva in a statement to reporters.

Later her soldier-husband also admitted the rift from an army camp at Fort Wayne, Ind., where he is appearing on tour.

"We've tried, but we've failed," said Marva. "In all our eight years of marriage we've hardly been together a whole year. It has been impossible for Joe and me to really learn to know each other.

There have been so many demands on his time, Training camps, tours and the stress of social engagements have meant long separations. This, as I see it, is the cause of our failure to make it with each other."

Child Kept Them Together

That all has not been harmony in the Louis household in recent months was indicated by the next statement of Marva who declared: "We would have taken this step before if it hadn't been for the baby. Both of us are crazy about her. We thought that she might be able to hold us together. But now it seems that any further reconciliation is impossible.

Mrs. Louis stated that although she and the champ had agreed to live apart, neither contemplated a divorce before the war is ended. Meantime, Jacqueline will remain with her. After the legal split Joe said he expected to share the baby with his wife for an equal number of months each year.

Won't Join Jazz Orchestra

Marva is in New York to study voice and dramatics and revealed she expects to remain here until January. She, however, denies persistent rumors that she will join a well-known hot jazz band as a featured vocalist.

"I have no immediate plans other than to continue my war activities," she said. "After the first of the year I'll decide what to do."

The only thing new about the Louis separation is that both Marva and Joe have apparently agreed to disagree. That the rift was there has been apparent almost from the beginning of the marriage.

Was Surprise

It was three hours before the Max Baer fight, in 1935, that lifted Joe to pugilistic stardom, that the girl who now declares quits, sat at the ringside seat in the role of wife. Even then folks were in a daze over the marriage news.

They were still wondering what had happened to a reported romance with Newark's Dorothy Penn, in whom the fighter had shown a considerable interest. Shortly afterwards Miss Penn married Frank Dickens, only to live with him a few months before that marriage went on the rocks.

Finally the story began to get around — and it may have been false — that Joe's managers had engineered the marrage, themselves picking the bride. And this story took on an added tint when Joe lost his bout to Schmeling, because, according to the gossips, he was worrying over Marva and a former suitor. Accidental death of the suitor ended that tale. Many stories of divided interest have followed this one. In '38 came the rumored friendship between him and Actress Marian Egbert. Later interpretations were put on a friendship between him and Ethel Waters, the singer, and more recently gossips had it that Lena Horne, movie star, has captured his interest.

Divorce Proceedings Halted

In 1941 Marva filed divorce proceedings against her husband, but later used her woman's prerogative and changed her mind.

So that while the country wonders what the real story of the Louises' love life is, there will be hundreds to give reasons other than the simple one of too little time together as explained by Mrs. Louis, this week.

Absence Blamed

But Marva's story could well be true. Take a typical six months of their life, for instance, 1938. In January Marva saw her husband seven times. In February and March he managed to spend 22 days with her and through April and May he saw her for the longest period — 37 days. In fact, of 173 days during the half-year, Marva was a fight widow all but 66 days.

SGT. LOUIS' BOXER FRIEND KEESLER FIELD

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Biggest boxing attraction at the Field is Sergeant Thurston McKinney of Detroit. The veteran boxer, a friend and companion of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow, and now stationed with the 1169th Training Group, boxed his first match in 1929, when he was 16, as a featherweight.

As a professional, he won two of his initial three matches, and then obtained reinstatement as an amateur in his home town. He graduated from high school in 1932, and fought with great regularity in the district amateur ranks, winning the city and state titles in 1930 and 1931.

Detroit's first Golden Gloves championship was held in 1932 under the sponsorship of the now defunct Daily Mirror. In this, Sergeant McKinney won the 135 pound title and went on to the junior Nationals in Boston, Mass., where he was runner-up. In 1932, he qualified for the Olympic boxing team, but, but did not make the trip as his athletic club had insufficient funds.

It was in 1932 that he made Joe Louis' acquaintance. The story goes that the future champ's mother wanted him to become a violinist, had bought him a violin and arranged lessons. One day Louis, carrying his violin to a lesson, met McKinney at a playground and was talked into going to a gymnasium. This kept up and McKinney taught Joe the rudiments of boxing. They boxed together frequently, though the future champ had a weight advantage.

In 1933, Louis and McKinney, then 19, together with six other boys, formed the Detroit Athletic association, "resulting in the best amateur boxing team in Detroit," claims the "News." Six of the eight boys cleaned up, winning the Golden Gloves, city and state championships.

In 1934, McKinney turned pro again and fought in Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh areas. Fighting then as a welterweight, he won every engagement except two, many wins being kayos. Once he was knocked out and once he lost a decision to Chuck Woods, another welterweight; otherwise his record was

Former PRO Officer in War Department, Now on Tour, Is One of Best, Newsmen Say

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

A letter signed by "an interested member of the white race" Dated August 28, 1943, and rious military installations.

Louis on his world tour of army camps. Baltimore, Md

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Inducted in November, 1942, the ested member of the white race" Dated August 28, 1943, and rious military installations.

Sergeant reported for duty at Fort requested the AFRO this weekmerely signed "a friend in the "Will not Joe Louis need somecolored officer will come out of Custer, Mich., after which he was to urge that a colored officer be service," the memorandum point-colored officer to see that he gets this tour with glory, promotion has managed a restaurant for Joe in Detroit and served as his equipment manager.

Since that period, Sergeant McKinney has worked and traveled with his old friend the champ. He assigned to Keesler Field. He has assigned to accompany Sgt. Joe and out that "there is a white of proper treatment, proper housing from the popularity of Joe Louis.

Why not give some deserving colored officer that same break?"

Frequent Complaints

For several weeks, AFRO-AMERICAN reporters in the War Department have been hearing complaints from white officers about the appointment of Captain Fitzgerald as C.O. to the touring party.

There are a number of white officers in the War Department who think that they should have been given the C.O.'s job on the tour. The fact that they did not get it gripes them quite a bit, and they are seeking the power of the colored press to block the effort.

Want It Mixed

First, they advocate a jim-crow setup. They claim that it should be all-colored. The colored press is much against an all-colored unit as it is against an all-white unit. As it stands, there are four colored and one white making the tour.

The anonymous writer doubts whether Captain Fitzgerald will look-out properly for the fighters. In reply to this the AFRO War Department reporter gave the following report:

"For almost a year I have worked with Captain Fitzgerald and I have found him to be without prejudice. When I have been on assignments with him at military bases he simply made himself a part of us. There was no pulling away, even when the Jim Crow laws stated that he should. Soldiers have often asked us whether he was white or colored.

"Formerly in charge of colored news at the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations, no person there as assisted in getting out the news to colored papers more than Captain Fitzgerald. He did it when the odds were definitely against him."

Joe's Army Schedule

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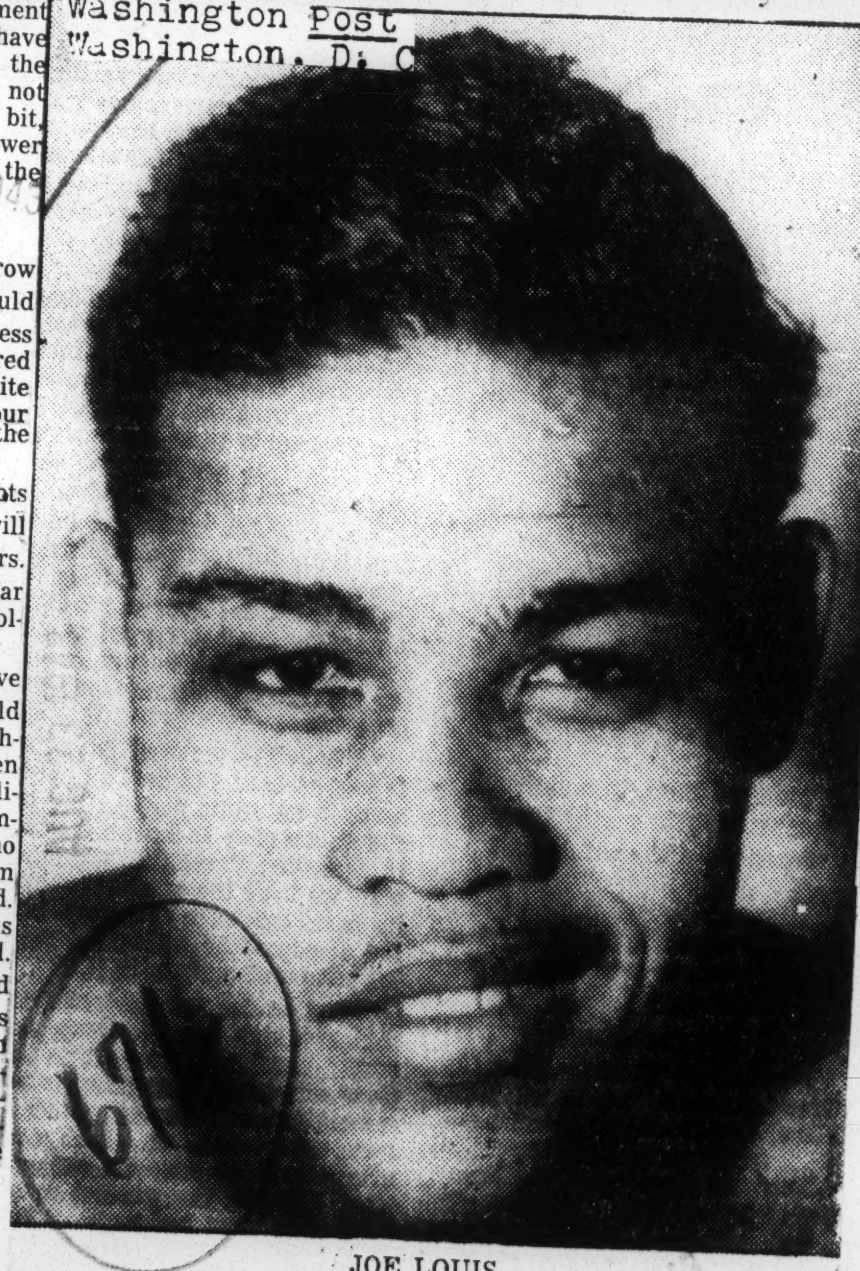
Following the exhibition at Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, N.Y., Tuesday, Joe Louis's schedule will be:

Fort Dix, N.J., September 8; Fort Monroe and Langley Field, Va., September 9; Camp Patrick Henry and Camp A. P. Hill, Va., September 10; Camp Pendleton and Fort Story, Va, September 13; Fort Eustis, Va., September 14; Camp Lee, Va.; September 15; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., September 16; Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., September 17, and Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Pa., September 20.

The group includes Sergeant Louis, First Sgt. George Nicholson, Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), Pvt. George Wilson and Cpl. Robert J. Payne, serving as trainer.

Brown Bomber in 'This Is the Army'

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.



JOE LOUIS,

the soldier who said "We're going to win because we're on 'God's side,'" repeats his famous utterance in Irving Berlin's Technicolor soldier show, now in a second record-breaking week at the Earle Theater. A further contribution to the film's success is a scene in which Louis keeps time on a punching bag while a group of other Negro soldiers sings "What the Well-Dressed Man in Harlem Will Wear."

JOE LOUIS AND BOXING PARTY SWING EASTWARD ON CAMP TOUR

Atlanta, Georgia
Daily World

TO APPEAR AT CAMP CHAFFEE AND CAMP ROBINSON, ARKANSAS

SPECIAL TO THE ARKANSAS WORLD) — Swinging back eastward on the southern leg of a tour around the Nation, Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow and his group of boxers will appear during the next four weeks at 20 Army Installations in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Boxing exhibitions and talks on physical fitness are being provided for hundred of thousands of soldiers at training centers and hospitals by the group, which is under direction of the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. Accompanying Sergeant Barrow are First Sergeant George Nicholson, Sergeant James Edgar, Corporal Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), Private George Wilson (Jackie Wilson), and Corporal Robert Payne, trainer.

The schedule beginning last Monday follows: November 22, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; November 23, English Field, Amarillo, Texas; November 24, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas; November 25, Camp Howze, Gainesville, Texas, and (tentatively) an appearance later the same day at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas; November 26, Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas; November 29, Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas; November 30, Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; December 1, Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; December 2, Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas; December 3, a joint appearance for personnel at Kelly Field and at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas; December 6, Camp Hood, Texas; December 7, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; December 8, Camp Crowder, Missouri; December 9 Camp Chaffeee, December Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; December 10, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas; December 13, Barksdale Field, Louisiana; December 14, Camp Polk, Louisiana; December 15 Camp Claiborne, Louiisana; December 16, Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Louis to Start Exhibitions Wednesday

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP) — Sergt. Joe Louis will start an exhibition work Wednesday that eventually will carry him overseas for a display of the fistic skill that won him the heavyweight boxing crown.

The War Department, the Brown Bomber's duration manager, disclosed today that the champ will tour Army camps in this country for 100 days and then go abroad for workouts before combat troops.

Following a preliminary exhibition tonight at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, Louis will begin the tour in the First Service Command with headquarters at Boston. There will be shows at Camp Miles Standish, Camp Edwards and Camp Devens.

TALKS

With Louis will be First Sergt. George Nicholson, his former sparring partner who is now a boxing instructor at Mitchel Field, New York, and Corp. Walter Smith, known to fight fans as "Sugar Ray Robinson." Smith, a welterweight, is Nicholson's helper at Mitchel Field.

Louis' schedule, after the First Service Command appearances, includes five days in the Second Service Command, with headquarters at New York; six days in the Third Service Command, Baltimore; five days in the Fifth, Columbus, Ohio; six days in the Sixth, Chicago; nine days in the Seventh, Omaha, Neb.; 17 days in the Ninth, Fort Douglas, Utah; 27 days in the Eighth, Dallas, Texas, and 22 days in the Fourth, Atlanta, Ga.

Exhibitions in the various camps of the commands will be arranged by the commanding generals in each area. Coupled with the workouts are to be talks by Louis to the soldiers about physical fitness.

10,000 Soldiers Thrill at Joe's Boxing Exhibition at Camp Lee; Ray Referees

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

CAMP LEE, Va. — More than 10,000 soldiers roared their approval of the classy ring wares of Sergt. Joe Louis here last week as the Brown Bomber went through his paces against his former sparring partner, First Sgt. George Nicholson.

Ending his visits to military installations, the weight champion continued on his 100-day tour of army camps after appearing before an overflow crowd in the Second Brigade Boxing Arena and being made a life member of the 9th Quartermaster Training Regiment Cadre Club.

Due to a hand injury received in his regents bout with Henry Armstrong, Corporal Walker Smith (Ray Robinson) was unable to make his scheduled appearance as one of the fighters and acted as referee for the champion's exhibition tonight until Louis, in one of his moods, forced him to step into the ring.

Edgar Substitutes

Sgt. Jimmie Edgar substituted for Robinson, opposing Pvt. Jackie Wilson in a welterweight match. Five bouts between Camp Lee boxers completed the card.

The champion arrived here early Wednesday afternoon from Fort Eustis where he had made a Tuesday night apearance and was welcomed to this post by Maj.-Gen. James E. Edmonds, camp commander, as host.

Shortly after his arrival Louis visited the station hospital where he gave impromptu instructions to 1000 boxing students in the outdoor ring as the Brown Bomber went through the ropes.

Meets Fighter

While at Lee, Louis and his party were quartered in Quartermaster Detachment No. 2, with Lt. Col. Paul H. Harrington, detachment host. The organization's own fighter of its own, Pittsburgh Bobo, Ninth Regiment and former executive secretary, Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, sell

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Champion Kayoed by Old Jupiter Pluvius



Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Sergeant Joe Louis looks gloomily at the rain-soaked canvas in ring at Fort George G. Meade as admiring soldiers, disappointed, put the peepers on the champion. Joe was scheduled for a boxing exhibition here Monday, but rain delayed the show until Tuesday. He is training at Fort Meade in preparation for his army camp tour.

Joe Louis Troupe To Rest For Thirty Days In California

Journal and Guide 1943

Norfolk, Virginia

WASHINGTON, D. C.— Worn by a gruelling schedule of exhibitions, Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow and group of boxers who have been appearing at Army camps will be given a rest early in November, after reaching the Pacific Coast, the War Department announced last week.

By that time the tour, under direction of the special service division, Army Service Forces, will have taken the group to 48 camps. Attendance of military personnel, now totaling well over a quarter of a million men, by then will have soared beyond the 300,000 mark. Attendance usually is between 4,000 and 10,000, averaging 7,000 at each appearance.

The tour started August 30. In the group, besides Sergeant Barrow, are: First Sergeant George Nicholson, Sergeant James Edgar, Corporal Walker Smith, (Sugar Ray Robinson), Private George Wilson (California Jackie Wilson)', and Corporal Robert J. Jayne, who serves as trainer. Hospitals at each installation are visited; boxers at each camp are given special instruction, demonstrations and physical fitness advice, and in the evening a boxing show is staged, preceded by a talk by Sergeant Barrow.

SCHEDULE

Following an appearance at Camp Carson, Colorado, Tuesday night, October 19, Camp Hale, Colorado, October 20; Lowry Field, Colorado, October 21; Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, October 22; Gowen Field, Idaho, October 25; Geiger Field, Washington, October 26; Fort Lewis, Washington, October 27; Camp Adair, Oregon, October 28; Camp White, Oregon, October 29; Camp Beale, California, November 1; Mather Field, California, November 2; Fort Ord, California, November 3; Camp Roberts, California, November 4; Camp Luis Obispo, California, November 5; Camp Cook, California, for a rest from November 8 to November 12, when an appearance at that post is scheduled, and Santa Ana Army Army Air Base, California, November 15.

Champ to Tour Camps

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Robinson, Wilson Also in Group to Box Exhibitions

By ART CARTER
AFRO Sports Editor

FORT MEADE Md. — Intermittent rain, the first in over a month for this locale, abruptly halted Sgt. Joe Louis's boxing exhibition for thousands of solders at Fort George G. Meade here, Monday afternoon, but the trainees beamed brightly when it was learned that Louis would train at the Maryland military post for ten days.

Louis, flabby and overweight after more than a year's layoff from active ring work, requested ten days to round into condition before taking a 100-day tour of army camps on a boxing exhibition with First Sergeant George Nicholson, Joe's old spar mate of professional days.

The champion's request was granted late Monday after a lengthy conference at the War Department in Washington, D.C., and the tour will open in Boston on August 30. It was originally scheduled to begin at Fort Meade, Monday.

Rain Halts Show

As it was Louis, accompanied by Capt. Fitzgerald of the War Department's public relations office in Washington, and Alvin Barnes, a Washington friend, visited Fort Meade on time for the scheduled exhibition.

Rain, however, halted the shows and Fort Meade officials postponed the entertainment until Tuesday night when Joe refereed camp bouts in the massive amphitheatre situated in a natural bowl south of the post headquarters.

Louis's entrance, as usual stirred the audience. Officers, soldiers and their wives and children mobbed the world champion, demanding his autograph and pushing forward for a vantage point, as news cameramen "shot" the champion from every angle.

Meets Sabu

Joe was greeted by an old friend from Hollywood, Sabu, the famous Hindu child actor, who is stationed at Fort Meade.

Sabu, smiling with the old movie smile, posed for pictures with the champion, and the two forced the attention of the military post populace in spite of the steady downpour of rain.

Louis left the post at 7:15 for Washington where he spent Monday night, but returned Tuesday for a ten-day residence here during which he will get into shape for the tour.

The tour will be launched in Boston on August 30, and follow a regular schedule to be announced by the War Department at a later date.

Four Others

Cpl. Ray Robinson, Sgt. Jackie Wilson and Nicholson, all of Mitchel Field, N.Y., will join the champion in the tour.

Also scheduled to join the group is Cpl. Robert Payne, former Cleveland boxer, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kans., where Louis has been attached for more than a year.

It is probably merely coincidental, but Louis's request for ten days and the postponement until August 30, gives Corporal Robinson sufficient time to keep

Louis Begins Exhibition Tour

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will begin a tour of Army camps at which exhibitions will be staged has been left to the discretion of the various service commanding generals of the various service commands.

The group will be allotted five days in the Second Service Command; six days in the Third Service Command; five days in the Fifth Service Command; six days in the Sixth Service Command; 27 days in the Seventh Service Command; 17 days in the Ninth Service Command; 27 days in the Eighth Service Command; continental United States, present exhibitions and 22 days in the Fourth Service Command.

Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, arrived at First Service Command Headquarters today to start his exhibition tour of New England army posts—the first area he will visit in his 100-day trip through the nation's military camps.

Louis planned to leave Boston for Fort Devens later today where his visit will be climaxed with a three-round exhibition bout in which the champion will take on his former sparring partner, Sgt. George Nicholson. Another exhibition bout will match Cpl. "Sugar Ray" Robinson and Sgt. Jackie "Kid" Wilson in a welterweight battle.

The Bomber plans to visit Camp Edwards tomorrow and wind up his New England stay at Camp Myles Standish, Taunton, on Wednesday.

Storm Grounds Louis's Plane

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
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CAMP CARSON, Col. — Champion Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson and their troupe of boxers battled through a storm to keep their appointment at the recreation hall in the Station Hospital last Tuesday night after their plane had been forced to turn back.

The Bomber and Sugar Ray had planned to get to camp early in the afternoon and give boxing instructions to Carson's fighters, but a terrific storm forced their plane to go back to Lowry Field in Denver from where they made the trip in an automobile.

Louis stated that he had seen some fine boxers on his tour, that he hoped to make a tour of overseas camps after the present one is finished. The champ said that he isn't thinking of his post-war plans at the present.

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

Denies Joe Louis Fought with MP's

AUG 21 1943

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The War Department explained today just what happened to Sgt. Joe Louis last night, after reports that the heavyweight champion had fought marines and military police on a downtown street.

Louis, the War Department said, was stopped by an MP and "informed he was out of uniform." Louis was wearing an officer's shirt, with loops on the shoulders, which only commissioned or warrant officers are permitted to wear.

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Louis received the reprimand without comment and there was no altercation, according to the department.

JOE LOUIS SIGNS IN AT FORT DEVENS



Defender
Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. Joe Louis signs in at Fort Devens, Mass., the first stop in his physical fitness tour conducted under direction of the Army's Special Service Division. Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson) surveys the proceedings at left. —Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps)

Soldiers See Louis's Million-Dollar Army Boxing Troupe in Action Free

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

By JIMMY JONES

FT. DEVENS, Mass.—I was at the ringside here Monday evening in the gigantic sports arena of this army post and saw what was perhaps the greatest boxing card ever to be presented in the boxing world.

Instead of the Twentieth Century being the sponsors, this time it was Uncle Sam, and believe it or not, it was free.

Included in my party was Cpl. James Gaines and his wife from Virginia, and Pfc. Andrew J. Bell and his wife of Washington, D.C. Both soldiers are attached to Grenier Air Base, New Hampshire, and were among the many soldiers from Grenier Field who made the trip to see Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion.

Joe was accompanied by the uncrowned welterweight champ, Sugar Ray Robinson, from Mitchel Field, N.Y., who in the army, is registered as Cpl. Walter Smith, Sgt. Jackie (Kid) Wilson and First Sgt. George Nicholson, who has been Joe's sparring partner for eight years.

Soldiers First

Instead of the usual celebrities of film, radio, and boxing stars being the attraction at the event, all branches of the service from the buck privates to high ranking officials of the armed forces were represented.

This was one time that an enlisted man was ahead of an officer. Behind me and my guests, I saw many colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors and lieutenants.

Some of them included Col. Queen of the 366th Inf., Col. Duffy of the First Service Command, Col. Smith, Commanding Officer of the Post, Capt. Stout of the Base Public Relations Office, and Lt. Wright, special service officer for the 366th Inf.

This occasion was the starting point for Joe on his extensive tour of army camps which is to be his assignment for the next 100 days. The main purpose of the tour is to impress the doughboys with the importance of physical fitness and to help in the morale of the men.

He arrived in Boston at midnight and attended a press conference at 10:30 a.m. Upon arrival at Fort Devens, he was taken through the hospital wards led by the 366th swing aggregation; addressed three different groups over a public address system; autographed many slips of papers and also casts on soldiers' arms and chests.

Chicken Feed for Joe

The highlight of the evening was the appearance of the champ and First Sergeant Nicholson, which was at 9 p.m. He went through a three-round exhibition which had the 10,000 servicemen, wives, families and sweethearts in an uproar, rooting for the kill which never came.

Louis tagged Nicholson with some hefty belts but most of them were drawn punches.

Joe's salary for the exhibitions to be staged will be $78 per month, the pay of any soldier holding the rank of sergeant. This is only chicken-feed to the amount he has received per minute on the majority of his fights in civilian life.

Champ Will Go Overseas With Ray Robinson

Daily World
AUG 17 1943
Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta Area Included In Exhibitions

WASHINGTON — (SNS) —Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow, world champion heavyweight fighter, will go overseas for a series of boxing exhibitions at camps in combat zones after completing a 100-day exhibition tour of Army camps in the states, it was announced Monday by the War Department. The series of exhibitions in this country will start Wednesday.

According to the announcement Sgt. Louis will be accompanied by his old sparring mate, First Sergeant George Nicholson, now a boxing instructor at Mitchel Field New York, and by Corporal Walker Smith, welterweight who is better known in boxing circles as "Sugar Ray Robinson." Smith is Nicholson's assistant at Mitchel Field.

The group received orders to assemble Monday at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, where a preliminary exhibition was staged Monday night.

Louis, fatter than usual, appeared anxious and ready to start the tour which will mean entertainment for thousands of colored and white soldiers.

The tour proper, under the direction of the Army's special services division, will begin Wednesday in the First Service Command, (headquarters, Boston).

In the First Service Command exhibitions will be staged at Camp Miles Standish, Camp Edwards and in the Ninth Service Command (Omaha), seven days at Fort Devens. After these, the group (Fort Douglas, Utah), twenty-seven days will spend five days in the Second days in the Eighth Service Command (headquarters, (Dallas, Texas), and twenty-Service Command New York), six days in the Third two days in the Fourth Service Chicago, Service Command (Baltimore), five Command, (Atlanta, Ga.) days in the Fifth Service Command. The itenerary within each service (Columbus, Ohio,) six days in the command has been left to the com- Sixth Service Command, (Chicago) manding general. nine days in the Seventh Service

Louis' Marriage Courier-Journal
On Rocks Again
Louisville, Ky.
Sept 24 1943 (NS)—The stress of social engagements, Louises made it impossible for them to live a normal married life. She said, however, there would be no divorce, at least "for the duration."

Their separation was announced by Mrs. Louis, the former Marva Trotter, wife of the heavyweight champion who is now a sergeant in the Army.

Mrs. Louis said that the many demands on Joe's time, fight training camps, tours and the

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World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

Commission in View For Sgt. Joe Louis

Waiting for the arrival of his first-born in Chicago, Sgt. Joe Louis also is waiting for a military promotion, which may be forthcoming on his return to Ft. Riley, Kan. His recent success in teaching hand-to-hand fighting, as well as his competence as a cavalryman, is expected to result in his elevation to second lieutenant, with an assignment overseas accompanying it.

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Corp. Billy Conn, who, for some time has had permission to box on his own time, is considering two fights—in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

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Army-bound Pat Comiskey has an option to launch the season at St. Louis Auditorium for Larry Atkins on Jan. 29 against Jimmy Bivins. . . . The Paterson giant opens a series of matches Monday at St. Nick's against Big Boy Carilli; then it's Clayton Worlds at Chicago on Jan. 22.

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Maxie Shapiro has had a relapse, it seems, and when he appears before the State Athletic Commission for an exam today plans to ask for more time before fulfilling his postponed elimination date with Joey Peralta. The Twentieth Century S. C. had hoped to put it on a week from Friday at the Garden.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis Urges Dewey Name Negro to State Athletic Commission

Gov Thomas E. Dewey has a short but terse telegram on his desk this morning from Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow—heavyweight champion of the world. The telegram urges the appointment of a Negro to the three man State Athletic Commission. The Commission is soon to have a vacancy as a result of the retirement of Bill Brown.

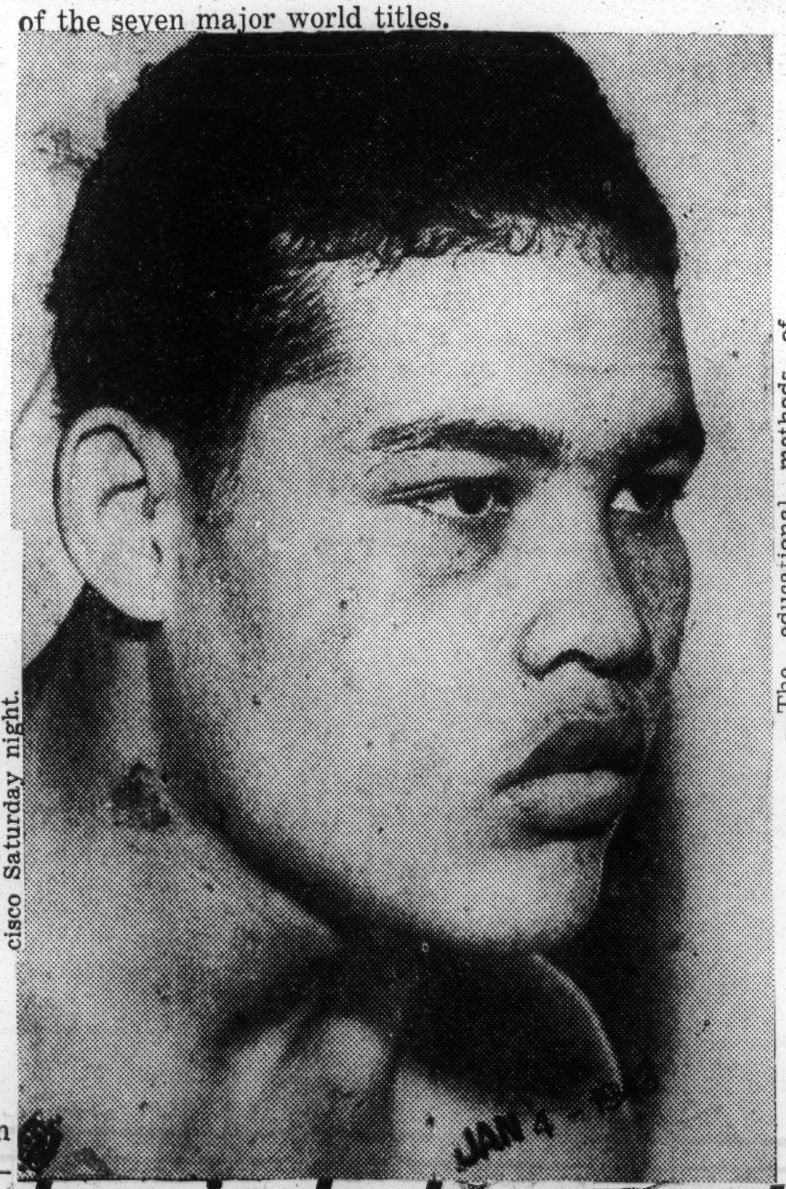
Louis, in town for a brief furlough from his camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, urged the naming of Robert L. Douglas, manager of the famous Renaissance basketball team, and well known in Negro sports.

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It is understood that the chances for the appointment of a Negro to the Commission are very good as there has been a lively demand for such a thing for the past few years in New York. . . .

If Douglas is named it will mark the first time in the state's history that a Negro has been appointed to such an important post. There is likewise no record of a Negro being on an athletic commission in any state of the nation.

In urging the appointment of Douglas, Louis pointed out the great number of Negro fighters who practically dominate every single boxing division and who hold five of the seven major world titles.



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Louis Is Involved In Another Scrap

"Courier-Journal" Louisville, Ky.

Senate Speaker Uses Joe's Case In Debate Against Ruml Plan

By BOB CONSIDINE.

Washington, Feb. 2 (INS)—What interests you?

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Chicago, Illinois
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MILESTONES

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Feb. 11—Warner Brothers tonight confirmed a Detroit report that Joe Louis would be in the Army." He will be encamped with other soldiers near the studio.

It has not been decided what the champion will do 'in the picture. The stage show closes in San Francisco Saturday night.

Born. To Marva Trotter Barrow, 26; and Sergeant Joseph Louis Barrow, 28, World Heavyweight Champion: their first child, a daughter, 7 lb. 5 oz.; in Chicago.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.
Joe Louis in Army Film Cast

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Boxing?—Sgt. Joe Louis will be interested to learn that he is involved in another battle.

At Senate Finance Committee hearings on the Ruml plan one of the solons opposed to wiping last year's taxes off the slate frequently uses Louis as an example in an effort to keep a favorable report from being submitted to Congress.

He points out that Louis made had gone through as scheudled, something like $300,000 in 1941 Joe would still have been in hock and nothing the next year, nor is to the Treasury. Because if he it likely that he'll make anything had made $117,000 and given it to this year except his modest Army the government to pay his taxes salary. The Senator thinks there it would have been declared might be a number of Louis's income and it, in turn, the country who would benefit would have been taxable. The too much from any such erasure tax on the $117,000 earned to pay of a year's taxes as Ruml suggested. about $70,000. Then if Joe fought again, to pay the $70,000, and did, that income in turn would have been taxed about $35,000—and so on through the years.

OWES $117,000

At last report, Louis still owed $117,000 in taxes off his last year of fighting. He agreed to fight Corp. Billy Conn last October for enough to pay off this bill—which, by law, isn't due until six months after the end of the war or six months after he is mustered out of the Army. But the bout was stopped by Secretary Stimson, as you know. Even if it

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Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Baby Girl, 7 Lbs. Born To Sergt. Joe Louises

By the Associated Press

Feb. 8 (AP).—Heavy-a detachment of troops not far champion Joe Louis became from the Warner studio, and be-Chicago, Feb. tween scenes will report back to weight Champion Joe Louis's wife gave birth to his camp for regular military train-a father today. ing. The fighter's wife gave birth to a girl, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces, at 6:04 a. m. at Provident Hospital here. Mrs. Louis will decide on a name for the child after she talks to her husband.

FEB 9 1943

Sergt. Joe Louis Barrow is known in the Army, his tour of duty at Warner's, Louis has no idea where the Army will send him next.

Joe has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, since last July, as a member of a cavalry troop. His duties have included acting as instructor for camp boxing teams. After

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Louis' Pupils Learning Fast

By the Associated Press

FEB 9 1943

Feb. 8.—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, has been assigned to appear in Warner Bros.' screen version of Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army." The Sergeant who was given the opportunity of declining this detail if he preferred, has elected to report to Army officers in command of the unit.

During filming he will live with Sergeant Joe Louis will referee tobouts—and seven lost addition to seconding his

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

'Bomber' To Play Role In Picture

Louis Will Not Defend Heavyweight Title Until War Is Over, Co-Manager Roxborough Declares; Will Visit New Daughter

FEB 11 1943

BY JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Sergt. Joe Louis, the brand new pappy, has been ordered to report at Los Angeles Monday to play a role in the picture, "This Is the Army," Co-manager John Roxborough disclosed today.

Roxborough, phoning from Detroit, said he wasn't sure how long the picture assignment would last, but he figured on "several weeks." After that Louis has no idea where the Army will send him.

Roxborough emphasized, however, "one thing certain. Joe will not defend his title until the war is over."

The heavyweight champion has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kas., since last June. His duties included those of boxing instructor and director of the camp's boxing team. Jolting Joe had been invited to appear at the New York Boxing Writers' dinner next Wednesday night, but his whirl at the movies will prevent this.

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Before heading West, Sergt Joe will visit briefly with his wife, Marva, and their new baby daughter, at Chicago. It's lucky for Joe he's in the Army, now that he is a pappy. We could imagine no worse catastrophe for the Bomber than to be awakened at night and forced to walk the floor with a yowling infant in his arms.

The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

LOUIS PLANS TO DEFEND TITLE AFTER WAR

Fort Huachuca, Ariz. (ANP)—Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, plans to defend his title after the war if the conflict does not last too long, he said last week when he arrived for a short visit with an infantry division in training.

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Louis flew here from Burbank, Cal., where he is appearing in the filming of the picture, "This Is the Army."

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

Joe Louis to Play Lead In 'This Is the Army'

FEB 12 1943

The movies will soon have a brand new star. It was announced yesterday that Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will play the lead role in the picture, "This Is THE ARMY." Sgt. Louis was "ordered" to his new Army task from Fort Riley, Kansas.

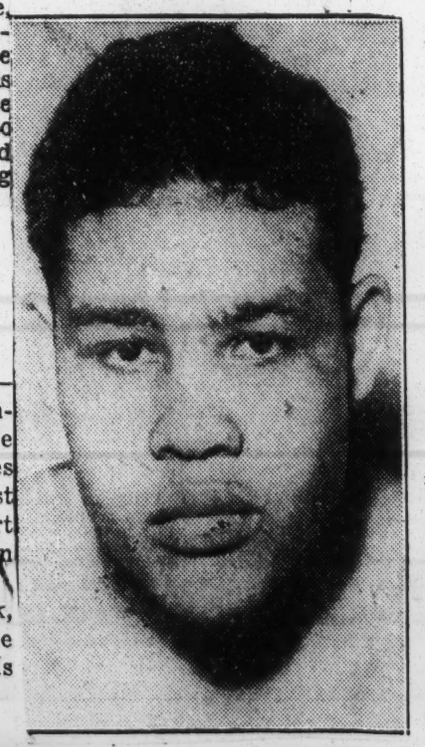
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Before heading west, Sgt. Joe will visit briefly with his wife, Marva, and their new baby daughter, at Chicago. It's lucky for Joe he's in the army, now that he is a pappy. We could imagine no worse catastrophe for the bomber than to be awakened at night and forced to walk the floor with a yowling infant in his arms. Joe certainly loves that shut-eye. We remember the old days at Pompton Lakes, N. J., when Joe disappeared again and again in the daytime, mind you. And the searching posses would discover him slumbering beneath an apple tree. The late Jack Blackburn, his trainer, forbade these daytime siestas, claiming that too much sleep made the fighter sluggish.

Louis should be mighty happy while making "This Is the Army." He'll hear plenty of music around the Warners' sets, and he loves music. At his training camps, the radios and phonographs constantly filled the air with music. At times, Joe and his pal-secretary, Freddie Guinyard, would do a bit of harmonizing. Freddie formerly was secretary to the singing Mills brothers.

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Meanwhile Roxborough's statement that Louis definitely will not defend his title until the war is over squelches recent rumors that plans were being made for the champion to meet, in London or North Africa, Freddie Mills of England in a big international bout for service men.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Sgt. Joe Louis Sees Post-War Boxing Boom

FEB 16 1943

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (UP).—World heavyweight champion Joe Louis left today for Burbank, Cal., and a role in the motion picture, "This Is the Army," but boxing and not the films was foremost in his mind as he departed.

Louis hurried here yesterday from Fort Riley, Kans. to see his wife, Marva, and five day old daughter. The champion and Marva speedily agreed upon a name—Jacqueline.

"We wanted to name the baby whether a boy or a girl for 'Chappy'," Joe said, "and that's the closest we could get."

Chappy is the affectionate nickname Louis had for his late trainer, Jack blackburn.

Louis has been spending approximately 3½ hours daily instructing boxers at Fort Riley and from his observation there and of representatives from other Army camps in a golden gloves tournament at Kansas City he forecast a post-war boxing boom.

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"The Army is expanding its boxing program all the time," the heavyweight king said, "and we're developing some surprisingly good boys. A lot of fellows who never thought they could box have found that they can since they've been in the Army. With the instruction they're getting they'll improve and a good number of them will turn professional when the war is over."

Louis said the majority of the outstanding prospects were in the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight divisions.

"Maybe that's a good thing for me, huh?" He grinned.

The champion's own plans when he is mustered out of service depend on future developments, the length of the war, and the type of Army duty he has.

"I try hard not to think about whether I'll get to box again when the war's over," he said. "Then if things turn out that I don't I wont be so disappointed. Regardless of whether I fight again, I hope to keep a connection with boxing as a manager or trainer. After all, that's the thing I know best."

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

Schmeling Not in Dempsey's Class.

It seems reasonable to assume that if Schmeling could have handled Louis so easily in their first fight, that Dempsey, meeting him under corresponding conditions, would have turned in an even more smashing performance. Nobody ever said Schmeling was another Dempsey except for publicity purposes. True, Louis hadn't been around so long at the time, but even then they were calling him invincible, and he was making shambles of all and sundry opposition.

That night Louis couldn't get away from a right-hand swing, and it's our notion Schmeling never would have hurt Dempsey with the same kind of punch. There's long been a theory Louis has a physical deficiency in the region of the temple, and he does react peculiarly to punches in that sector, but the Nazi wasn't tagging him there that night; he was banging him on the chin and that's what brought the knockout.

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The first right-hander landed in the fourth round, and the Bomber went down. The next landed in the fifth and sent him flying into the ropes. Yes, it came after the bell but neither man had apparently heard the chimes. The third right-hander was the finisher; it came in the 12th, drove him into the ropes again and the Bomber slid gently down and was counted out.

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Joe Louis.

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Louis-Conn Ban Unfair, Declares Bob Considine

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Two Are Being Discriminated Against, Writer Says; Points Out That Other Army Men Allowed to Fight

MAY 1 1943

By BOB CONSIDINE

New York, April 30 (INS)—"I can assure you that the War Department will not sponsor or approve a Louis-Conn match this summer," said Secretary of War Stimson at his last press conference.

Near this item on the sports pages was a note that Pvt. Ray Robinson, of the Air Corps, was fighting one Freddie Cabral in the Boston Garden.

More or less recently, there were notices that efforts were being made to match Pvt. Melio Bettina against Jimmy Bivins, Sergt. Jackie Wilson against Henry Armstrong, Sailor Gus Lesnevich against somebody else, and so on.

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All prominent fighters in the armed forces seem to get time to train, a furlough long enough to fight, and may fight for the benefit of themselves and their managers. But the only "natural" left in the fistic game cannot come off because the old gentleman in Washington says it can't. The millions of men in uniform want to read about it or hear it on the radio. The country wants to see it, and under the proposed plan of making every ticket-holder buy a war bond in order to gain admission it would be the biggest fight, from a financial standpoint, ever held—dwarfing the second Dempsey-Tunney match which holds the record of $2,600,000 plus.

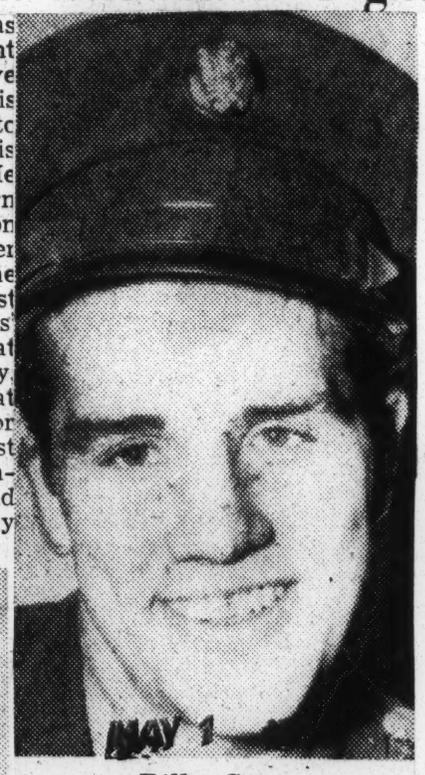
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"NO EXCUSE"

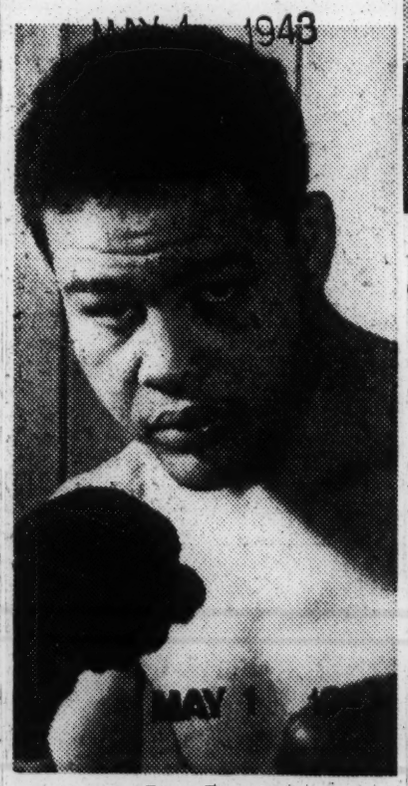
There is no excuse in the world for this ban on Louis and Conn. It is unfair, unreasonable and inconsistent. Other men in uniform are permitted to box, Louis and Conn should be permitted.

They are being discriminated against for no other reason than that Secretary Stimson—who doesn't know a boxing glove from a jai alai basket—was told that there was something dishonest about the arrangements for their phantom fight of last October.

The only mistake made in that battle that never came off was made by the War Department itself. A civilian representative of the department promised Louis that he would be paid enough to pay off his income taxes and his debts, if he fought Conn. He agreed, of course, only to learn when he came to New York on his approved furlough that either the plan had been changed or the officer who conducted the first meeting with the sportswriters committee just didn't know what he was talking about. Anyway the officer told the writers that Louis and Conn would fight for nothing and we duly printed just that in every paper in the country, not knowing that Louis had gone to the officer immediately after the meeting and reminded him that he had been promised certain revenue from the match.



Billy Conn



Joe Louis

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"UNJUST"

After the ensuing "investigation," which cast a wholly unjust light on two non-coms who took none of the initiative in the case, Secretary Stimson said he was "shocked" by the revelations. Out of an almost certain gate of million dollars, Louis and Conn were to be paid about $175,000, which in turn was taxable. In other words, they were to get 17½ per cent of the gate. Their peace-time percentage would be 60 per cent. The rest of the October 12 gate was to go to a war charity. But, as we said, Secretary Stimson was "shocked," and the men were ordered back to their respective posts.

We're shocked, too, but by the inconsistency of a policy which apparently permits every professional boxer in uniform to fight except the only two service fighters who want not only to fight, but to help along the war effort by fighting.

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Several days ago Mrs. John Knight Waters, wife of a lieutenant colonel who is now a prisoner of the Germans, received a trophy at Pimlico from the Maryland Jockey Club. The occasion was Johnny Waters Day at the trick, and a war charity was cut in on the receipts.

Mrs. Waters said after the ceremony that receiving racing trophies was a "a thirty-year-old habit of my family." Mrs. Waters wasn't overstatin git. She is the daughter of Lieut. Gen. George S. "Blood and Guts" Patton, the tough cavalryman-turned-tank-expert who used to ride in steeplechase races at Pimlico years ago. Patton, a fearless horseman, won many events.

"I remember those plates very well," Mrs. Waters commented, "because when I was a good little girl my father would let me eat ice cream off them."

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Lieutenant Colonel Waters, well known in Maryland racing circles, put up a whale of a fight in North Africa before the Nazis roped him. General Eisenhower, commenting on his capture, said, "I pray to God that I will be permitted to do my duty as well as on Gold Shower to win the Derby Johnny Waters did his."

Lemme see now . . . two bucks will bring me back $34.80, then I'll bet that back on Ben Whittaker's tip in the following race. . . . That's be $982.30 and I'll put that on the longest shot in the last race, and . . .

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.

No Louis-Conn Fight This Year, Stimson Reveals

APR 29 1943

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary of War Stimson said today there would no no heavyweight championship fight this summer between Sgt. Joe Louis and Corp. Abie Conn.

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Asked at his press conference about reports the War Department was making arrangements for such a fight with purchase of War Bonds as the price of admission, the Secretary replied:

"I think I can assure you that the War Department will not sponsor or approve a Louis-Conn fight this summer."

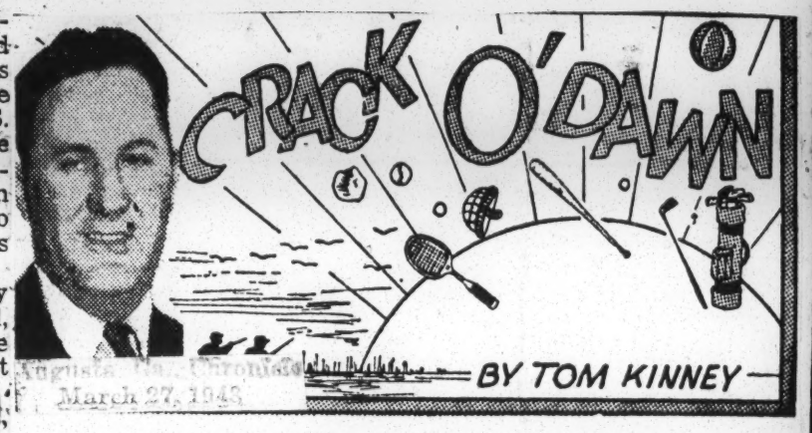
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Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

JOE LOUIS.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Sergeant Joe Lewis, once he enrolled in Tam O'Shanter's All-American Amateur Golf tournament, wasted little time getting in a round of practice over the scene of next week's big show. Now on Army furlough, the heavyweight boxing champion made his official entry yesterday and asked permission to play 18 holes today.

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Augusta, Ga. Chronicle
March 27, 1943

Since it is impossible for the two fighters to meet with each in his respective prime, it would be very difficult for us to decide in our mind which is the greater, Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis.

Comparing their records will not get you anywhere. This way of deciding things has been proved time and time again as so much poppycock. Football teams throughout the nation have proven past records do not mean anything. The Georgia-Auburn; Georgia-Florida; Auburn-Florida games of last fall will bear out the statement.

However, one cannot help but look back over records and compare them when thinking along the line of Dempsey and Louis.

E. A. Wadlowe, principal of the Paine College High School, a great Negro institution here, has written us a lenghty letter about our recent comments on the million dollar gates and Jack Dempsey in comparison with Joe Louis.

The facts still remain. Louis has never been able to draw a million dollar gate. Neither has Schmeling, Baer, or any other fighter, white or colored, without Jack Dempsey as an opponent.

Nevertheless, we think if the army would permit Joe Louis and Billy Conn to fight now the gate would go well over a million. It is the first "natural" since the Tunney-Dempsey scraps. Still, the records stand.

But in getting down to personal opinions, we think Jack Dempsey would have beaten Joe Louis had they met with each in their prime. When Louis first came on the heavyweight scene he was heralded as another Dempsey. He was touted as unbeatable, but in his first important fight—with Max Schmeling—he got knocked out in the 12th round of an upset which shocked the boxing world.

In Jack Dempsey's heavyweight approach he almost killed big Jess Willard. However, we think Louis, too, would have whipped Willard at the time Dempsey beat the giant, but it is doubtful the Brown Bomber would have made it in the quick order young Dempsey did.

Years after Dempsey knocked out Jack Sharkey the ex-gob won a decision over Schmeling. Sharkey, at the time, could have been termed as a has-been. However, this same Schmeling knocked out Louis.

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Sure, Louis came back the next year and knocked Schmeling out in less than a round. Louis was a killer that night. He was more like the old Dempsey than he has ever been. The Alabama Negro would have made a great fight with Jack that night.

When Louis won the championship from Jim Braddock it required eight rounds for the Negro to put old Jim away. Braddock would have lasted about one or two rounds with Dempsey.

Both Dempsey and Louis have had their "off" fights. We would not consider Dempsey's two bouts with Tunney as "off" because at that stage Jack was almost through as a fighting man. When Louis comes to this stage his fights could not be termed us "off" either.

Tommy Gibbon went the limit with Dempsey and some still think he beat the then champion. Jim Brennon extended Jack and Firpo knocked him out of the ring. Jack admitted after the fight he didn't remember winning.

Louis was off the night Tommy Farr went the limit and also the night Billy Conn lasted 13 rounds.

The fight that would really draw your million dollars, perhaps four million if you could seat them, would be a match between Dempsey and Louis when both were at their peak. The day Dempsey beat Willard and the night Louis knocked out Max Schmeling. Both were killers on those occasions. Of course, it could never be, but what a fight one can picture in their minds.

WHY DEMPSEY WOULD WIN—

The reason we believe Dempsey would beat Louis is this:

In all his fights with tough opponents, Louis was a slow thinker in the first engagement. That was his trouble against Schmeling and Farr. Dempsey would have beaten Louis the first time but in a second fight it might have been different. Louis would have been in there mixing it in a second encounter just like he was against Schmeling.

Louis is a type fighter who figures out his opponent. If and when the Brown Bomber meets Billy Conn again we think he will win in jig time. He knows Conn's style now, and he has taken the Pittsburghers' punches. It would be a quick fight.

Dempsey would beat Louis, but after that it would be one whale of a fight.

THOUGHTS JUST DAWNED

National league pennant race tip: Watch the Chicago Cubs this year.

Senator Barbour To Head Move For Go Between Joe, Conn

U.S. Senator Warren Barbour of New Jersey, one-time amateur boxing champ and long-time friend of the ring game in the Senate, would like to see a second Louis-Conn title match become a reality and last Wednesday instituted a campaign for such through letters to newspapers, asking the editors for their opinion on the proposed bout.

The Senator seemed so enthusiastic over the prospect of a Louis-Conn return go, which was wiped out by War Secretary Stimson last Fall, that he even offered to help in its promotion. However, Barbour appears confident that his newly organized campaign will net more favorable results.

GLAD TO ASSIST

The Senator wrote, "Obviously my duties here in the Senate would preclude my devoting much time to such a project personally but I would be glad to assist in the promotion of the bout by capable men of unquestionable integrity."

Then, with the typewritten sentence heavily underlined, the Senator continued:

"With the proper safeguards established to eliminate the possibility of any situation developing similar to that which caused the bout to be cancelled last year, I cannot see how anything but good could come from such a meeting."

LOUIS, CONN WILLING

Barbour said that he understood Louis and Conn are willing to meet and donate the entire proceeds to the AER.

"If sentiment should prove favorable," Barbour concluded, "we can then submit our findings to the War Department and request reconsideration of its decision."

By SAM McKIBBEN

KANSAS CITY.—(ANP)— Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, was robbed of a successful debut as a boxing coach here Wednesday night in Kansas City's Municipal auditorium, by something that no one apparently considered. Joe's willing, but verdant, novice performers drew seasoned campaigners as opponents, and therein is the culprit that marred Joe's bid for success.

In Russell Jarvis, Louis has a potential featherweight champion. Jarvis was in superb condition, reflected having been well trained, and is willing to mix it from bell to bell. But Ruppert Braschers, Jarvis' opponent, was a Golden Gloves champion last year, and a semi-finalist in the Kansas City Star Tournament of Champions.

Walter Ramsey, promising Ft. Riley middleweight, drew a scrapper that most of the 160-pounders sidetrack when he squared off against Roy Miller, Gateway product. It wasn't would Miller win, it was how long would Ramsey stand up? After a full round and 1:07 of the second heat, Referee Bobby Stewart stopped the slaughter.

Pvt. Joe Marshall, amateur champion from Chicago's South Side, although forced to respect his opponent's reach and height advantages, used skills acquired by experience to decision Rudolph Turner, Ft. Riley light-heavyweight.

Joe's boys should have been in the novice division instead of the open. Had the Ft. Riley boxers been properly matched there are no doubts in the minds of amateur fight fans that the outcome would have been different in at least two instances. The Marshall-Turner bout was close enough for the fans to boo the decision long and lus-

Joe knew that his boys had been over-matched, and explained that to the boys after the fight. He told them not to worry about the losses because they had met the class of Kansas City, fellows who would bear watching in the Tournament of Champions. Grins replaced frowns on the countenances of the vanquished warriors and enthusiasm soared to its original, pre-fight level.

The boys have confidence in their coach and trainer. Whatever he says is "so" and these boys will give the novices a fit when they return to the fistic wars.

Segregated Seating Plan Fails At Dinner For Louis' Boxers

By SAM McKIBBENS

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— (ANP)— The Kansas City chapter of American War Dads, led by Bat Milgram, president of the national organization; F. J. McGinley, president of the local chapter, and George Charno, widely known attorney, refused to follow the original, segregated seating plan at a dinner for Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his Ft. Riley amateur boxing team, Wednesday afternoon at Fred Harvey's Union station restaurant.

Joe Louis, coach of the Ft. Riley amateur boxing team, came down to bring his charges to participate in the Wednesday night show at the Municipal auditorium sponsored by the Kansas City chapter of War Dads. The welcoming committee, Champion Louis, and the boxers were ushered into the private dining room for the occasion.

Atty. Charno said, "look at the seating arrangement, will you?", and made a beeline for Bat Milgram, who was talking to the local chapter president, F. J. McGinley, about the same thing. The trio proceeded to round up waiters and instructed them to rearrange the tables and chairs. One long table was formed and the guests were told to take the nearest seat.

Mr. Milgram, concurring with his local president and Atty. Charno, stated that "we are just American citizens, and feel that every American should have an American's priviledges, and that is what we have here."

Negroes on the welcoming committee and guests at the dinner were the Rev. D. A. Holmes, A. W. T. Chisom; Dr. Charles R. Humbert, Francis Spencer, Atty. C. H. Calloway, F. S. Smith, Paseo YMCA; Joseph Ford, Manhattan, Kansas, USO director; George Jones and Judson McDowal, both of Chicago.

The host committee included such personalities as Dr. D. M. Nigro, John L. Miller, and Judge R. C. Hardy, all Notre Dame athletes of prominence in 1915-16; Johnny Johnson, Oliver W. Holmes, Louis Lower, manager of the Municipal auditorium; Jimmy Nixon, Marion Miller, Missouri [illegible] A. A. U. boxing coach; Charlie Metzler, chairman of the amateur boxing shows; E. N. Stratton, R. C. Ahlsstrom, Atty. George Charno, Nat Milgram, F. J. McGinley.

Fighters making the trip are Rudolph Turner, Russell Jarvis, Walter Ramsey and Emmett Shaw. Officials were Bobbie Lawton and

Montgomery Advertiser, Ala.

Louis, Pastor Will Box— if War Ends by February

Denver, Colo., July 9 (AP).—If the war ends by next February, says Pvt. Bob Pastor, he'll box Joe Louis again, but—"right now I doubt that either Louis or I will ever fight again." He made the statement in an interview yesterday, adding that he has requested a transfer from the [illegible] to the Marine Corps. Col., where competitive boxing, stamina and endurance, to the air forces where he can utilize his training in athletics.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Joe Louis Seeks To Become M. P.

FORT CUSTER, Mich., June 30. (AP)—Because he feels his ability as a boxer would be more useful as an instructor in the military police, Sgt. Joe Louis said today he had requested a transfer to the M. P. unit here from the Fort Riley, Kan., cavalry unit.

Louis made his statement as he boarded a train to return to Chicago after a visit here. He said he planned to visit Detroit Friday and to be in Pittsburgh Friday night.

All Joe's Boxers Beaten But 1 In Army Tournament

Philadelphia, Pa. Tribune

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Pvt. Joe Louis says—

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Johannesburg
South Africa



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"We're going to do our part ... and we'll win because we're on God's side"

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Louis' Letter Finally Reaches 'Red' Champ

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

By CHATWOOD HALL

MOSCOW, USSR. — (ANP) — After traveling across oceans, continents and seas, the signature of Joe Louis and his letterhead have just completed their longest journey with the arrival a few days ago of the champion's reply to the fraternal greetings sent him last summer by the Russian heavyweight champion, Nikolai Koleyev, a Red army soldier.

Koleyev's original message was given to me and released by the Associated Negro Press where it was brought to Joe's attention at Fort Riley, Kansas. His answer was sent in care of the ANP correspondent in Russia and has been delivered to Kol...

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Despite the long journey (Joe's letter was dated "Chicago, August 11") due to war and the disruption of international mail communications, the world champion's missive was extremely timely as it arrived shortly before the recent Red army anniversary celebrations.

Also in view of the wide retreats of the Nazis and current victories of the Red army, further appropriateness and timeliness was attached to this letter by this sentence:

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"Greetings to the Russian people and Russian army who have shown such marvelous courage, skill and fortitude."

Alongside his Russian title, Koleyev considers Joe's letter and autograph among his most prized possessions and looks forward to a friendly match with the Brown Bomber after the war.

Joe Louis' Glove Sells For $25,000

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia



CHICAGO—(Press Photo Service, Inc.)—Truman K. Gibson, Sr., treasurer of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, bidded $25,000 of his company's money for the right hand glove of Champ Sgt. Joe Louis at the Royalite's Bond Rally, Sunday, April 11, at the Parkway Ballroom, Chicago. The glove was won by Sgt. Louis when he defeated James Braddock for the World's Heavyweight Championship. Reading from left to right in the above photo are: Eddie Plieque, fight promoter; Mr. Gibson, and Major C. Udell Turpin, deputy administrator, War Savings, U. S. Treasury.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Ex-Louis Sparmate Killed In Africa

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EVANSTON, Ill.—(ANP)—Technical Sgt. William Benjamin Snell, former Evanston High School and Tuskegee track star and one-time sparring partner for Joe Louis, has been killed in action on the north African front, his mother, Mrs. Viola Snell, learned last week.

Snell served as sparring partner for the champion when the latter trained for his 1939 fight with Bob Pastor. Memorial services for the deceased were held Sunday morning in Ebenezer A. M. E Church here.

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Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa

SPORTS

Boxing

There was an interesting article in the Register, Sec Taylor's column, about the heavyweight champions as seen by Jimmy Johnston. Johnston, the man who has tried for five years to get Joe Louis whipped says Louis is a "great" champion and then says that at least fine of the nine champions from Tunney to Sullivan would have beaten Louis and Schmeling Braddock might have done so "in their prime."

John L. Sullivan says Johnston would have been just too rugged because of more rigid and severe training and would have outclassed Louis. But Johnston neglects to say what would happen had both lived in the same era and trained as all boxers of that era trained.

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Jim Corbett would have been too fast and jabbed Louis to death. But Corbett's great speed manifested itself against a slow, fat Sullivan and didn't get him more than a draw with Peter Jackson. Nor did Corbett's blinding speed save him from a knockout at the hands of Fred Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries. Jack Johnson was just too clever and big and rugged. He says Jimmy would have outmaneuvered and out-boxed Joe. No one ever knew just how goid Johnson really was because he was never extended. He was big, clever and powerful and might have done just what Jimmy says he would.

Gene Tunney was too smart for Joe and of course, there is the worn theory that Dempsey would certainly be a visitor in a brief salvage battle. To us the smartness of Tunney manifested itself in a couple of ways. Heney champion, Joe would have never us a question picked his opponents, both with stylegot a chance at the title unless it was punch first made to order for him, dodged themade sure he would lose first. one man who might have caused him We just can't see why Louis to be Jack trouble and retired undefeated aftercouldn't be returned the winner over Johnston says Louis couldn't hit. We are not trying to enter into

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what we always believe to be a silly argument about whether the past could beat the present, but when the boys insist on pouring water on Louis, we think it time to pour just a little in his defense. One just can't toss out the window a combination of punching power plus speed and skill that is Joe's—by saying it isn't there.

NEGRO HURLER TELLS OF HIS HARDEST JOB

Satchel Page, Who'll Be Here Sunday, Wins 'Trying' Game

"Satchel" Paige, here to pitch for the Kansas City Monarchs in the long game of a Sunday doubleheader at Rickwood Field Sunday afternoon, has had many trying experiences in baseball. He lists as his most difficult assignment, the final of a 15-game series played in San Domingo where he was pitching for an imported club sponsored by President Di Rafael Trujillo, battling an outfit gathered by his chief political enemy.

"That final game was in Cuidad Trujillo, a town named after the president," said Satchel. "This was back in '37 when I was pitching for the Pittsburgh Crawfords, and at the end of our season Dr. Jose Enrique Aybar comes to this country with $30,000 in cash. It may not have been quite that much, but I know I did all right financially on the trip.

"We were not any world-beaters, but I think we would have played better ball if we hadn't been told by so many armed men that we better win or else. Sometimes we played like we had never seen a baseball before, but that was because we were under a strain. The opposition, the Estrellas de Oriente had plenty talent, too. In spite of the fact that the umpire was with me, my mouth was dry and I was wilder than I would have been except for all them guns.

"In the seventh inning we were one run behind, and I had a picture of spending the remainder of my life in a foreign hoosegow, but we got a break in the seventh. We scored two runs and won out 6 to 5, the president's team grabs off the championship, and he feels like his honor has been saved. Right after that final game there was a United States ship waiting for us in the harbor, and when I walked up that gangplank it was the happiest moment of my life. Trying to throw a baseball anywhere near the plate with so much at stake is almost a super-human task, even when you know the umpire is on your side."

Winner Of Penn Relay Event

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia



It was smooth striding like this which won for Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin Wallace, in the 120 yard high hurdles event at the Penn Relays last weekend. His time was 14.8 in the finals. Dillard, a native of Cleveland, showed his heels to Thomas Todd, white, of Newport News, Va., premier Virginia hurdler, who placed second. Third behind Todd was Corporal John Saunders, of Camp Lee, Va., and Warren Halliburton, the freshman sensation of New York University. Three of the four finalists were colored. Todd is captain of the University of Virginia track team.

The SPORTS ROUNDUP



..By.. Lucius Jones

Pittsburgh Courier

Colored Coaches Survive Irate Alumni Wolfpacks Longer Than White Mentors . . . Ten Reasons Cited

ON ONE OCCASION during the three years your writer did correspondent's chores on colored athletics for the white Associated Press, his "boss," E. Romney Wheeler—who assumed full-time duties on an executive sports desk when Kenneth Gregory, pioneer "AP" sports editor, was promoted to an executive news desk—marvelled at the infrequency of coaching shakeups in Negro colleges. We decided to release a feature article touching on this phenomenon. However, the proposed collaboration never became a reality, because Lu Jo discontinued a 14-year newspaper career with the Atlanta Daily WORLD to assume his present duties with The Pittsburgh Courier.

Recently, it was asserted, here, that football and war are synonymous—that the gridiron is the ideal classroom for the future man of war.

Last week, it was opined that much of the credit for the rock-jawed caliber of our fighting men belongs, deservedly, to their former coaches. . . men who have become landmarks of efficiency and integrity at their respective institutions.

Therefore, NOW is an opportune time for analyzing the reasons for the abnormally long, head coaching regimes of colored mentors. There are at least 10 good reasons for this monstrosity:

(1) The average head coach performs the duties of two or more men by working as athletic director, physical director, basketball and/or track coach—not that he desires such a load but for economic reasons—largely because that's the only way he can receive the size of check he wants.

(2) Being his own athletic director, the average head coach draws up a schedule with which he can cope.

(3) Material available to most coaches—also for economic reasons—is so adverse that nearly all alumni admit even a miracle coach couldn't produce with it, so that such graduates are immune to the humility of defeat.

(4) Oftentimes, the college president retains the coach purely for sentimental reasons and, just as frequently, the coach passes up a job offering bigger pay and more risk to retain his present occupation affording little or no gamble.

(5) The president generally places little emphasis on victory for its own sake. He is quite likely to 'string along' with a man who is exemplary in his manners though producing losers.

(6) The head coach is usually a specialist in all the major sports, making him difficult to replace and enabling him to survive in many cases where he is regarded as anti-social and undiplomatic.

(7) Some head coaches' reputations "save their necks." Many 'free' athletes are attracted to schools boasting "name" coaches. Colleges favoring subsidization know this and save money thereby. They know, too, it is difficult, even when making sound offers, to lure a boy to play for some coach he never heard of and whose name doesn't inspire awe.

(8) Colleges keep many coaches for economic reasons. Either they will accept less pay than a desired prospect or they save the school money because they invest a percentage of their pay in fine athletes.

(9) Some head coaches are opportunists. Invariably when they fail to produce winners they turn out to be "swell fall guys" any college president would be "branded" for firing.

(10) Finally, but more rarely, the administration keeps a head coach because it fears the general disapproval which would result from his dismissal.

Blends of these various and sundry reasons have kept men like Fred Long, Hank Hucles, Cleve Abbott, Jap Hurt, Big Jeff, Red Hamblin, Wallace Hawkins, Tubby Johnson, Sam Taylor, Henry Arthur Kean, Billy Nicks, Zip Gayles, Frank Forbes, Ted Wright, A. W. Mumford, Bill Bell, and the rest at their respective posts for periods ranging from 10 to 23 years.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

DOTS AND DASHES

Frank Dixon, freshman sensation at New York University was crowned king of the milers in New York, when he upset a field that included: Gilbert Dodds, Boston A. A.; James Rafferty, New York A. C.; Don Burnham, Dartmouth; and Earl Mitchell, Indiana—Dixon was clocked at 4:09.6 : : : Henry Armstrong, former holder of three boxing championships passed an eye examination last week and is now ready to meet Al Tribiani in a 10-round bout at Convention Hall . . . Davage Minor, brilliant Negro center was the outstanding star for Toledo in the National invitational cage tournament, which began at Madison Square Garden last week . . . The speedy Negro is rated one of the top players in the country and has averaged 17 points per game this season. He finished high school in Gary, Indiana, where he was high scorer in the Northwest Conference tourney for two years . . . Several ex-performers played in the Illinois State High School Tournament last week, including, Cal Anders, Charles Harmon also played on the Toledo team; and Jesse Clements and Jay Hite, of Champaign High School.

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

MISS BARROW MAKES DEBUT



Miss Jacqueline Louis Barrow, 5 day old daughter of Sergt. Joe Louis and the former Marva Trotter, seems unruffled by her first appearance before the camera in Provident hospital yesterday. She is the first child to be born to Mrs. Louis.

Joe Meets Daughter

Sergt. Joe Louis yesterday was visitor in Chicago prior to departin tonight for Burbank, Cal., where h will appear as an actor in the army sponsored film, "This Is The Army." The world heavyweight champion, who has been ordered to report in Burbank Monday, went immediately to Provident hospital on his arrival from Fort Riley, Kas., to see his infant daughter.

After the hospital visit, Mrs. Louis said they had decided to name the baby Jacqueline Louis Barrow, the first name being in memory of Jack Blackburn, the boxer's late trainer.

Louis refused to pose for photographers, saying he did not have army permission to do so.

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

Dempsey Vs. Louis? Soldiers Take Old Manassa Mauler!

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Would Dempsey have beaten Louis? Dr. Nat Fleischer, the printing press' best friend, has taken a three-gaited Gallop poll of soldier opinion on the subject from New York to Albuyuerque and it's no contest. The old Manassa man mauler would have won off by himself. Of course, Dempsey has beaten Louis with sickening frequency in the printed pages of magazines before but this is the first time the armed forces ever ganged up on the champion (one of their own, too) and knocked him twisting.

Dr. Fleischer, whose tomes on the gentle art of beak busting are sufficient in number and size to fill a warehouse, has been showing films of famous fights at camps and USO club rooms by way of indicating his scorn for dictators and has played to 500,000 men.

In the collection of filmed fights most of Dempsey's and Louis' are included. As they are unwound the good doctor orates. At the finish he polls his audience. He has had 32 showings to date and, as he reveals in the current "Pic," the vote favored Louis only at the 365th Colored Infantry and at the Ellis Island Coast Guard.

The 365th didn't give Dempsey a single vote, showing that the boys at least know the difference between black and white. In the aggregate Dempsey led by about a two-thirds majority. The doctor is disposed to accept the findings as an "authoritative poll of a large section of informed public opinion."

We question whether it is all of that. Only a small percentage of the young men in the camps could have seen Dempsey, even in his later years, granted they had the admission price and were in a position to travel to the scene of the fight. Possibly the same goes for Louis, too. And "informed public opinion" covers a lot of territory at all times.

But in any event the poll is interesting for several reasons. For one, it shows how time heals wounds. Dempsey was scarcely the idol of the Johnnie who came marching home in 1918. He had stayed behind and envious rivals had managed to tag him as a slacker and there was much rancor and bitterness and name calling, all of which culminated in a court trial of some sort, and now, ironically, we find Dempsey the hero of the sons of World War I.

Of course no one, whether he belongs to that exclusive group of "informed public opinion" or not, is ever going to prove convincingly Dempsey would have beaten Louis or vice versa. There's only one possible way this could be proved and that would be to put them in the same ring at their best. But as everybody knows, Dempsey belonged to one era and Louis to another. These controversies lend themselves to opinions and guesses and debates but nothing substantial or final.

It so happens your sentinel agrees with the service men; he thinks Dempsey was made of sterner stuff than Louis. By this, we mean we think he could take a punch better than the Bomber and this has nothing to do with gameness. Rather, it has to do with physical hardness and toughness, this plus a more instinctive sense of defense.

Dempsey was a better boxer than he was ever given credit for. He was so spectacular on the offensive few paid any attention to the deft manner in which he evaded enemy punches. His bobbing and weaving tactics made him a difficult target. As testimony to this defense he hasn't a mark on him today.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Screen Debut Gives Joe Louis Jitters

Boxer Shatters 3 Punching Bags

By FRED OTHMAN.

Hollywood, March 21.—With a make-up man darting in between his lips with a dry the Army didn't assign him to do shots to wipe the sweat from his Warner Brothers sound stage with face a beam so bri brow, the director trying to soothe the eye of the Technicolor camera him, and the assistant director glaring at him and the mighty trying to keep spectators out of Louis trembled. "This is the first time I've ever his vision, a badly frightened Joe been scared in my life," he whis- sergeant in the Army now. And They all seemed happy, except

Prize Fighter Louis, who was so amazed by the studio whoop-de-do he couldn't say much but "yeah," and "uh."

He yeahed and he uhed and he tried his level best to smile and he sat down in a blue funk.

"Its funny what the camera does to him," said Dance Director Leroy Prinz, "Of with his friends he is a gright and witty man. He can laugh and smile and crack jokes. Then ge get him on the stage. And look at him. Trembling like a leaf."

Smashes Three Punching Bags.

All day, except for interruptions and delays which he could not understand, Louis stood on the stage and pounded a boxing bag in rhythm to a tune by Irving Berlin. For two solid weeks he'd been practicing bag punching in three-quarter time, under tutelage of Mushy Callahan, the man who made Errol Flynn look like a prize fighter a couple of pictures ago.

"So I walked in on the practice one day," said Prinz, "and I said, 'Joe, you haven't got that rhythm quite right.' This exasperated him and he tried again and he missed again and he took such a punch at bag that he broke it. He hit it so hard, it exploded. Kind of scared me."

Thereafter Louis smashed two more standard boxing bags in his efforts to poke it in swing time.

Came this morning and he appeared early, staying on the stage day long, alternately pounding the bag and sitting in his chair with his chin in his hands, trying to look nonchalant.

Never the Same Again.

Late this afternoon he still was on the job. Tomorrow there'll be more of the same. And the day after, too, unless Joe manages a take without any bobbles of the bag. He thinks he'll survive the ordeal. But he fears he'll never be the same man again.

And you can feel sorry for the champion. He's in a spot. The Army put him there. He's doing no complaining, being a sergeant and all, but he's not happy. Makes a bee-line for Central Avenue every night for chicken dinner and forgetfulness.

For all this effort he appears on the screen for evactly three minutes. And when he turns and looks at the camera with a woe-begone expression, forgive him. He's trying to smile. Only there are fifty pairs of eyes staring at him, and a dozen spotlights, and a man dabbling at him with a powder puff, another man telling him to listen to the music, and another tell him to smile at the camera.

If Louis had his way he'd smash the thing into umpteen thousand pieces. He doesn't say so. He doesn't have to. You'll get the idea exactly when you see him on the screen. And without mental telepathy.

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OVERMATCHING DEPRIVES LOUIS OF SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AS BOXING COACH

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 4—(ANP)—Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, was robbed of a successful debut as a boxing coach here Wednesday night in Kansas City's Municipipal auditorium, by something that no one apparently considered. Joe's willing, but verdant, novice performers drew seasoned campaigners as opponents, and therein is the culprit that marred Joe's bid for success.

In Russell Jarvis, Louis has a potential featherweight champion. Jarvis was in superb condition, reflected having been well trained, and is willing to mix it from bell to bell. But Rupert Braschers, Jarvis' opponent, was a Golden Gloves champion last year, and a semi-finalist in the Kansas City Star Tournament of Champions.

Walter Ramsey, promising Fort Riley middleweight, drew a scrapper that most of the 160-pounders sidetrack when he squared off against Roy Miller, Gateway product. It wasn't could Miller win, it was how long would Ramsey stand up? After a full round and 1:07 of the second heat, Referee Bobby Stewart stopped the slaghter.

Pvt. Joe Marshall, amateur champion from Chicago's South Side, although forced to respect his opponent's reach and height advantages, used skills acquired by experience to decision Rudolph Turner, Fort Riley light-heavyweight.

Joe's boys should have been in the novice division instead of the open. Had the Fort Riley boxers been properly matched there are no doubts in the minds of amateur fight fans that the outcome would have been different in at least two instances. The Marshall-Turner bout was close enough for the fans to boo the decision long and lustily.

Joe knew that his boys had been over-matched, and expalined that to the boys after the fight. He told them not to worry about the losses because they had met the class of Kansas City, fellows who would bear watching in the Tournament of Champions. Grins replaced frowns on the countenances of the vanquished warriors and enthusiasm soared to its original, pre-fight level.

The boys have confidence in their coach and trainer. Whatever he says is "so" and these boys will give the novices a fit when they return to the fistic wars.

Discard Segregation At Dinner For Joe Louis And Boxing Team

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4—(ANP)—The Kansas City chapter of the American War Dads, led by Nat Milgran, president of the national organization; F. J. McGinley, president of the local chapter, and George Charno, widely-known attorney, refused to follow the original segregated seating plan at a dinner for Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his Fort Riley amateur boxing team, Wednesday afternoon at Fred Harvey's Union Station Restaurant.

Joe Louis, coach of the Fort Riley amateur boxing team, came down to bring his charges to participate in the Wednesday night show at the Municipal Auditorium sponsored by the Kansas City Chapter of War Dads. The welcoming committee, Champion Louis, and the boxers were ushered into a private dining room engaged for the occasion.

REARRANGE SEATING

Atty. Charno said, "Look at the seating arrangement, will you?" and made a bee line for Nat Milgram, who was talking to the local chapter president, F. J. McGinley, about the same thing. The trio proceeded to round up waiters and instructed them to rearrange the tables and chairs. One long table was formed and the guests were told to take the nearest seat.

Mr. Milgram, concurring with his local president and Atty. Charno, stated that "we are just American citizens and feel that every American should have an American's privileges, and that is what we have here."

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Negroes on the welcoming committee and guests at the dinner were: the Rev. D. A. Holmes, A. W. T. Chism, Dr. Charles R. Humbert, Francis Spencer, Atty. C. H. Calloway, F. S. Smith, Paseo YMCA; Joseph Ford, Manhattan, Kan., USO director; George Jones and Judson McDowell, both of Chicago.

DR. HUMBERT PRESENT

The host committee included such personalities as Dr. D. M. Nigro, John L. Miller and Judge R. C. Hardy, all Noter Dame athletes of prominence in 1915-'16; Johnny Johnson, Oliver W. Holmes, Louis Lower, manager of the Municipal Auditorium; Jimmy Nixon, Marion Miller, Missouri Valley AAU secretary; Charlie Metzler, chairman of the amateur boxing shows; E. N. Stratton, R. C. Ahlstrom, Atty. George Charno, Nat Milgram, F. J. McGinley.

Fighters making the trip were Rudolph Turner, Russell Jarvis, Walter Ramsey and Emmett Shaw. Seconds were Roscoe Lawton and Thomas Steele.

From the Editor

A First for PM

PM

We are going around with our noses up in the air today because Morris Gordon, of our photo staff, walked away with the speedlight class at the Press Photographers Eighth Annual Exhibit.

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Talk O' Town

By Jule

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, PA.
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It's Here ! !

The Joe Louis baby has arrived—and it's a girl! The wee stranger landed in the Provident hospital, Chicago, at 6:04 a.m. Monday, hale and hearty. Marva is doing fine and as soon as we get word from her we know she will have something to say to the millions of friends who have been as eager as she and Joe to see this thing come to pass.

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The best wishes of an entire nation are showered upon these three . . and may love and happiness follow them all their days.



Speedlight photos are the most recent development in press photography. Our men, who were among the pioneers in using the speedlight, which permits exposures at 1/20,000th of a second, have been trying to get a picture that would take first prize ever since speedlight photos were added as a class at the show in 1940. That's the year we were born.

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In 1940, Joe Costa of the *Daily News*, won with a picture of Joe Louis fighting Arturo Godoy. The next year, Costa shellacked us again, with a picture of Joe Louis knocking out Lou Nova.

In the current exhibit, which covers pictures made in '42, Gordon got hunk by taking not only first, but second, prize as well.

The interesting part of it is that his first prize picture was, of all things, a picture of Joe Louis, this time knocking out Abe Simon. That makes three firsts for Joe Louis, two for the *News* and one for PM. Gordon's picture is reprinted today on page 13, one of the great sport pictures of all time.

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One of the most interesting news pictures at the exhibit was never printed, so far as we can find by checking the files. This picture was made by Ernest Sisto of the New York *Times* and won third prize in the feature class. We have not been able to find that the *Times* ever used it, but it tells its own story so well that I think it's worth letting you look at it. Here it is.

Incidentally, Ray Platnick, who took the grand prize picture at the show a year ago, is now in service in the Coast Guard and the last we heard of him he was in Iceland. Alan Fisher, who also took a prize last year, is now in South America, on special duty with the Rockefeller Committee.

—JOHN P. LEWIS

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ew York, N. Y



PHOTO BY MORRIS GORDON

Mrs. Joe and J. Louis The champ's wife, recently returned from a tour of USO centers, was in town last week hoping to find a stage job: she said that what Joe makes as an Army sergeant isn't enough to take care of the education program he and she mapped out for a couple of proteges. With her was daughter Jacqueline Louis, born last Winter.

Louis Ridicules Story Of Break With His Pilot

Heavyweight Champ, In New York On Christmas Furlough, Insists All Is Well In Managerial Setup; Report Is Shock

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New York, N. Y

BY LESTER BROMBERG

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Here on Christmas leave with members of his Army boxing troupe, Sergt. Joe Louis is "not," as they say in the fight business, over Harlem reports that he has split with John Roxborough, his Detroit co-manager and sponsor since amateur days in 1933.

Louis seemed shocked by these grapevine yarn, retold for him as he sat in a room of the Theresa Hotel, filling his GI uniform, as usual with his old impressive muscularity.

"This is the "story": That, because Roxborough ignored a recent wire from him, while on tour, and other "incidents," Joe had decided to break with the more influential member of the Roxborough-Julian Black managerial team and would [illegible] alone with Mike Jacobs' coun-

declared that if the war were over tomorrow he would expect to do Louis' business with Roxborough and Black, "the fellows I've worked with all these years."

The promoter divulged he had a promotional exclusive on Louis that has seven more years to run, but observed, with a chuckle, "Joe has one manager now who can tell us all to go chase ourselves—the U. S. Army.

The manager relented on Louis and his five touring companions to the extent of a five-day Christmas furlough. Previously arrived was Cpl. Ray Robinson. Accompanying Louis on the plane from Mobile were Sergts. Jimmy Edgar and George [illegible]. Bob Payne and Jackie Wilson.

The boys returned to Mobile yesterday to complete their tour, which includes stops in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina before it concludes Jan. 20.

Louis obviously is looking forward to the overseas phase of the jolters' junket, which already has seen him box 255 rounds in 85 bases from here to the Pacific Coast and back. He didn't know when they'd light for foreign shores, but it was learned that departure isn't scheduled until March or April.

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Louis' Refereeing Tour May Open Jan. 24

In fact it is expected the Army will grant furloughs to all of the touring boxers after Jan. 20, giving them a chance to earn some money on their own time. Robinson and Wilson have fights in view. For Louis, a string of refereeing dates is being mapped. These bookings are in the hands of Max Waxman, long Jack Dempsey's associate and planner of Jack's many successful tours. Waxman, who reminded that all plans still are tentative, said he hopes to have Louis open Jan. 24 at Baltimore by being the third man in the bout between Frankie Rubino and Harry Jeffra.

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If the Georgie Kochan-Jack La-Motta [illegible] the Garden draws $33,443, Jacobs will have equalled in 1943 his gross figure for 1942. The figures: '43 to date, $1,136,228; '42, $1,169,671. This year's total was returned in 22 shows, with one to go, while the '42 tally was produced in 29 shows. The '43 attendance so far is 322,512, for '42 it was 388,621. Higher ticket prices are responsible for the near-parity in dollars, in spite of the lesser total attendance.

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

LOUIS, SEVEN OTHERS FAIL IN GOLF TEST

Champion Finds Tam O'Shanter Course Troublesome

Eight Negro golfers, including Sgt. Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion, were all eliminated in the All American amateur golf championship at the Tam O'Shanter Country club by nightfall Tuesday, July 20.

These eight were among the 248 amateurs from all sections of the country and from the armed service who tee off Monday in quest of the title. Qualifying were the 64 who made the best scores. The qualifying round was 18 holes on Monday and 18 holes on Tuesday.

The course par is 72. The greens were fast and the wind on Tuesday played havoc with ball hit high in the air. Troublesome were the second, sixteenth and eighteenth holes with the water hazzards.

The Brown Bomber, playing in a threesome of A. G. Cowan, Tam O'Shanter club of Niles, Ill., and Dale S. May, the 16-year-old son of the club's president, George May, shot a 44 out and a 43 in [illegible] for an 87.

More than a half dozen photographers and three movie picture film men bothered Louis when he prepared to tee off. Added to this, the champion was flustrated by the large gallery of fans which insisted on following him

Bad Start

Louis shot a 41 out on Tuesday getting off to a bad start when his first shot off the tee in front of the club house was carried to one side by the wind. He pitched the next shot in the sand but was on the green in three. He finally dropped the ball in the cup for a total of 62 over par.

Louis took a five on the second hole but steadied himself to equal par three on the third; par four on the fifth, par five on the ninth and par three on the eleventh.

The heavyweight champion ran into difficulty and was one over par from the eleventh hole on. His card read 44 in, in making a total of 85 for Tuesday and a grand total of 172.

Dr. Rennis G. Robinson, Detroit, twice former national champion of the United Golfers association, carded an 82 on the first day and 30 on the second for a 162—just two strokes over the total needed to qualify. But at that Robinson turned in the best score of the Negro amateurs.

Alvin James, Sunset Hills Country club of Chicago, had 82 on Monday and 84 on Tuesday for a 166.

Chester M. Batey, Chicago amateur club, shot an 82 on Monday and an 87 on Tuesday for 169.

Pennsylvanians Out

Joseph Hudson, Pyramid club, Philadelphia, score was 95 on Monday and 93 on Tuesday for a 188. Ernest Austin, Pyramid club, Philadelphia, shot the 18 holes on Monday in 95 and duplicated his teammate, Anderson's Tuesday score of 93 for 188. Andrew Hammond, representing the Sunset Hills club of Chicago Heights, Ill., had an 88 on Monday and a 92 on Tuesday for a 180.

C. M. Tarkington, Evanston, Ill., found the course troublesome on Monday when his card for the 18 holes read 96 and on Tuesday he decided to withdraw.

The Tam O'Shanter course in 3,320 yards for the first nine holes and 3,386 for the final nine. The ninth hole is 520 yards from the green to the cup and the 15th is 500.

This is the second year that Negro golfers have played in the tournament. The determination of George S. May to have the All-American tournaments at the Tam O'Shanter club to be All American is bearing fruit despite the declaration of some of Chicago sport writers and members of the club that it wouldn't work out satisfactorily if Negro golfers participated.

When a Champ Reverses Procedure

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.

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THE CHAMP REVERSES procedure in this photo and goes to see one of his fans. Joe Louis, above, visits Pvt. Joseph Kuller, of New York City, who is recovering from a broken neck at Camp Edwards, Mass., recently. Joe visited many of the soldier patients at the hospital who didn't get a chance to see him in action when he boxed before 10,000 fighting men there —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Louis Ridicules Report Of Roxborough Break

Birmingham, Alabama

Joe, Here on Christmas Furlough, Insists All's Well with Manager

Birmingham Post

By LESTER BRO[illegible]

Here on Christmas leave with members of his army boxing troupe, Sgt. Joe Louis is "hot," as they say in the fight business, over Harlem reports that he has split with John Roxborough, his Detroit co-manager and sponsor since amateur days in 1933.

Louis seemed shocked by the grapevine yarn, retold for him last night, as he sat in a room of the Theresa Hotel, filling his GI uniform, as usual, with his old impressive muscularity.

This is the "story": That, because Roxborough ignored a recent wire from him, while on tour, and other "incidents," Joe had decided to break with the more influential member of the Roxborough-Julian Black managerial team and would go it alone, with Mike Jacobs' counsel, whenever he's able to resume fighting.

"Don't know where they could come up from with that," remarked the heavyweight champion, adding that he had been in the manager's company during a visit to Detroit this fall and that nothing would ever change his feelings toward Roxy, as he calls him.

Jacobs, at his home in Rumson, N. J., insisted: "If anything were up I'd know about it and I haven't heard of any such thing." Mike declared that if the war were over tomorrow he would expect to do Louis' business with Roxborough and [illegible] "the fellows I've worked with all these years."

The promoter divulged he had a promotional exclusive on Louis that has seven more years to run, but observed, with a chuckle, "Joe has one manager now who can tell us all to go chase ourselves—the U. S. Army."

The manager relented on Louis and his five touring companions to the extent of a five-day Christmas furlough. Previously arrived was Cpl. Ray Robinson. Accompanying Louis on the plane from Mobile yesterday were Sgts. Jimmy Edgar and George Nicholson and Cpls. Bob Payne and Jackie Wilson.

The boys will return to Mobile Monday to complete their tour, which includes stops in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina before it concludes Jan. 20.

Louis obviously is looking forward to the overseas phase of the jolters' junket, which already has seen him box [illegible] bases from here to the Pacific Coast and back. He didn't know last night when they'd light for foreign shores, but it was learned that departure isn't scheduled until March or April.

Louis' Refereeing Tour May Open Jan. 24.

In fact it is expected the army will grant furloughs to all of the touring boxers after Jan. 20, giving them a chance to earn some money on their own time. Robinson and Wilson have fights in view. For Louis, a string of refereeing dates is being mapped. These bookings are in the hands of Max Waxman, long Jack Dempsey's associate and planner of Jack's many successful tours. Waxman, who reminded that all plans still are tentative, said he hopes to have Louis [illegible] Jan. 24 at Baltimore by being the third man in the bout between Frankie Rubino and Harry Jeffra.

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Joe Gives $200,000 Show for $80 a Month as Soldiers Watch with Worshipful Glee

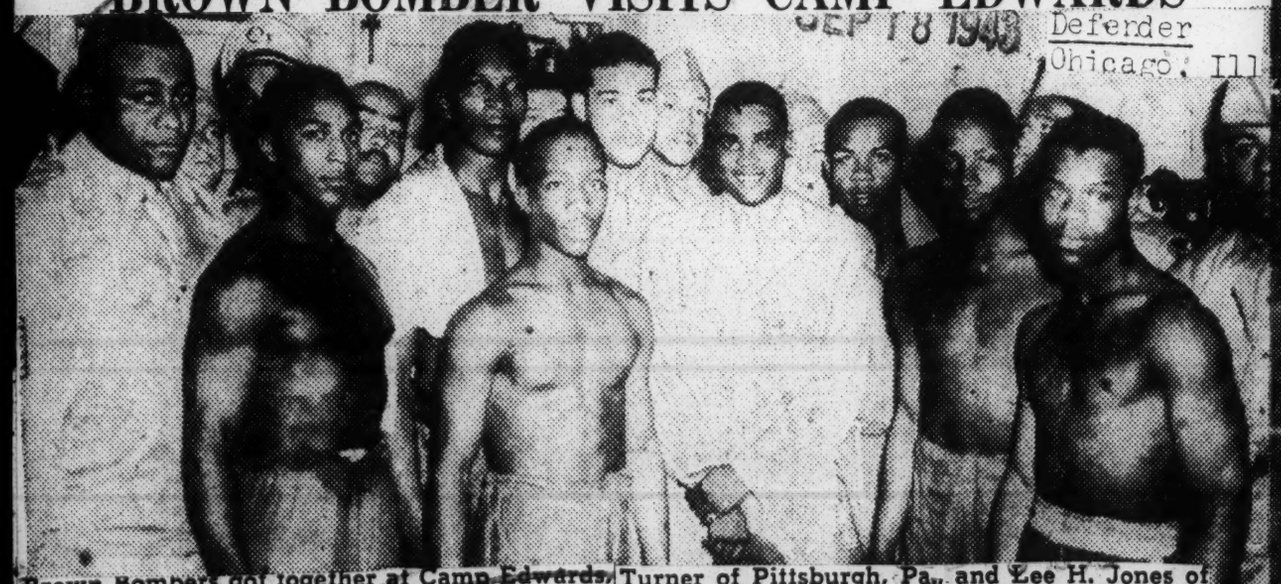


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Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

TOURING THE CAMP—Sergt. Joe Louis who once earned over $80,000 per minute (second Max Schmeling fight) now does his stuff before admiring soldiers for less than $80 per month. Joe, who is making a tour of army camps, is doing an exhibition with Sgt. George S. Nicholson at Camp Edwards, Cape Cod Mass., as 10,000 soldiers view the show.

BROWN BOMBER VISITS CAMP EDWARDS



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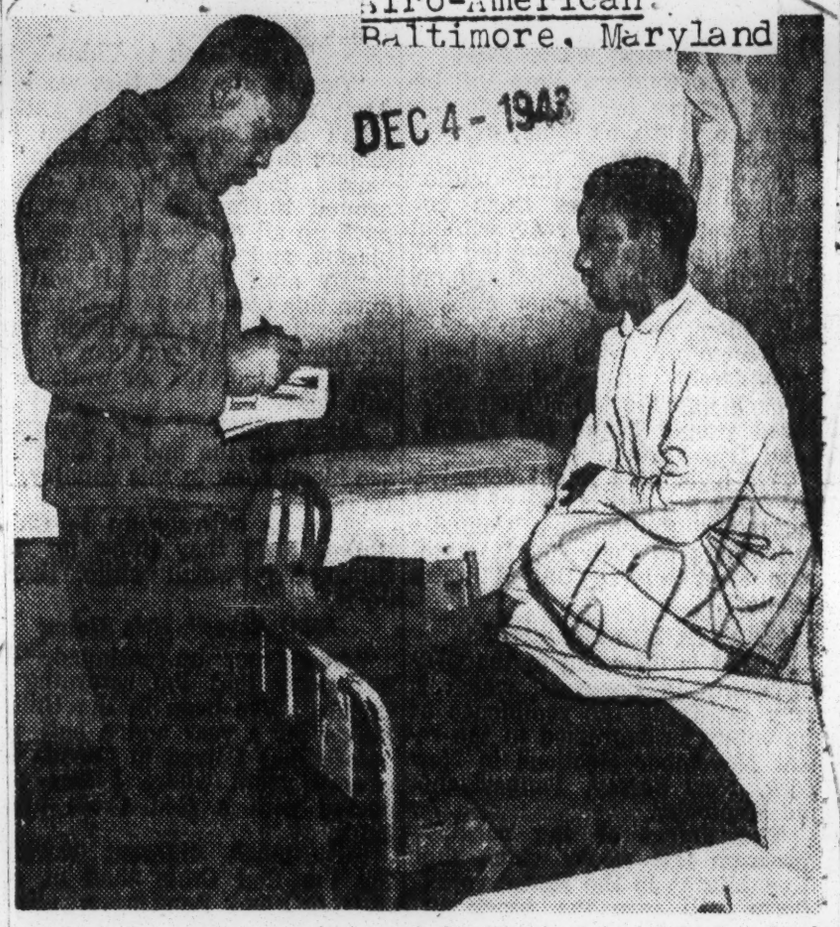
Defender
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Brown Bombers get together at Camp Edwards, Mass., when Sgt. Joe Louis (center) staged an exhibition bout with First Sgt. George Nicholson (left) on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Soldiers who took part in preliminary events (left to right) were Jimmy Duncan of Newark, N. J.; Bob Ferrara of Hackensack, N. J.; Jimmie Sancho of Newark; Lew Kemp of Philadelphia; Roosevelt Turner of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lee H. Jones of Philadelphia. To the left of Sgt. Louis is 1st Lt. David Boston of Detroit, who aided in arranging the preliminary bouts. Cpl. Sugar Ray Robinson may be seen between Turner and Jones. Turner is from the 722nd Medical Sanitation company while the other preliminary contestants were from the 766th Medical Sanitation company.—Signal Corps photo.

Champ Cheers a Shut-in Soldier

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

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Visiting the station hospital at Luke Field, Ariz., Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, stops to sign an autograph for Pfc. Clarence E. Thomas, a member of the 343rd Aviation Squadron and the son of Allen C. Thomas, 1142 North Stockton Street, Baltimore.



Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

AP Wirephoto.

JOE LOUIS WADES IN during a boxing exhibition at Fort Belvoir, Va. Sergeant Joe's opponent is 1st Sergt. George Nicholson.

Louis Boxing Troupe Has Performed Before 150,000

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

OCT 9 - 1943

WASHINGTON—The War Department squelched reports last August 30 that Joe Louis boxing exhibition tour was a flop.

In a statement, it was revealed Wednesday that the Joe Louis boxing exhibition, which has played before 150,000 soldiers in 21 camps since Oct. 1, will continue for the next ten days as follows:

Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 14, and Camp Phillips, Kan., Oct. 15.

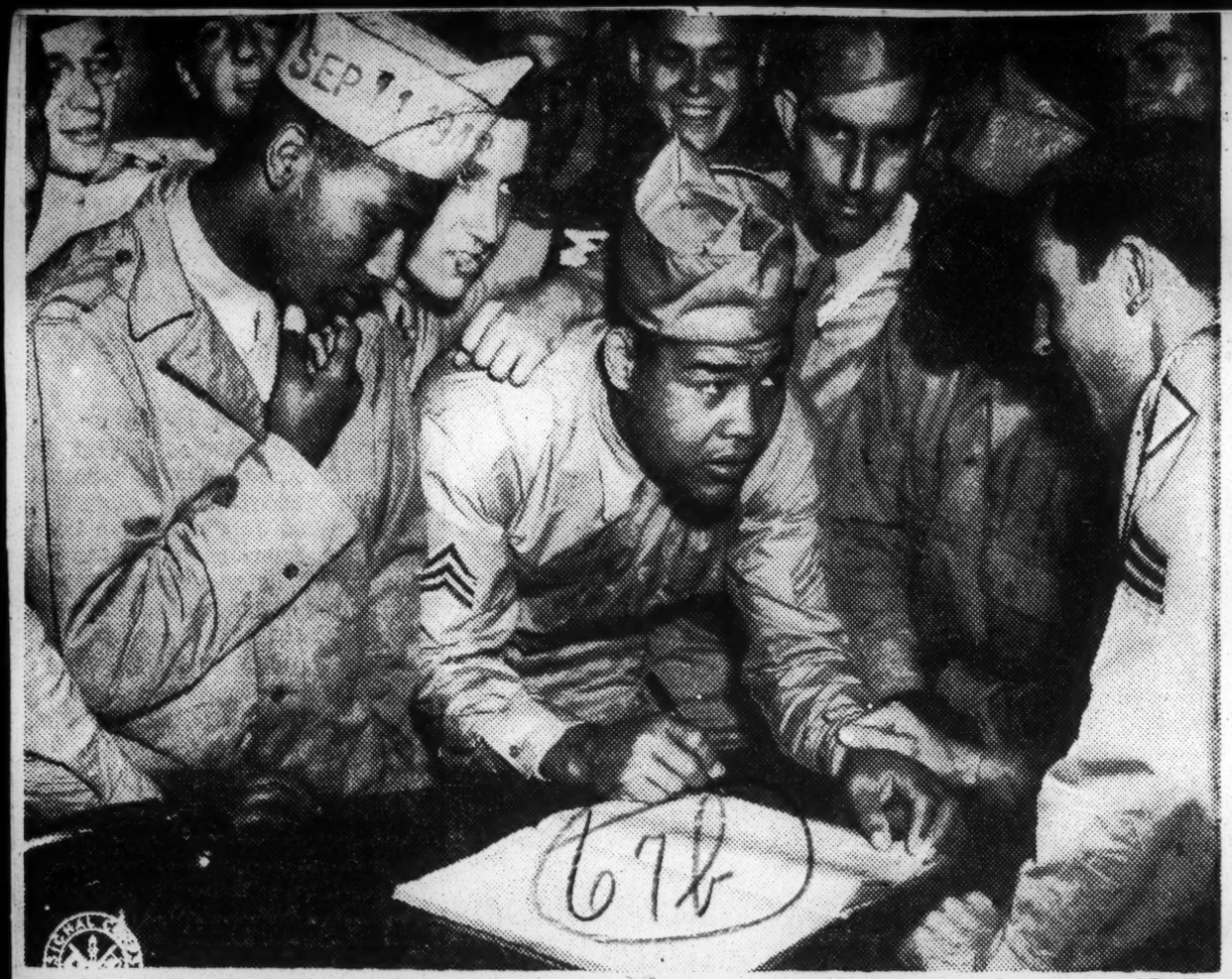
According to reports, Louis was knocked down and had difficulty regaining his feet. Following the exhibition, Louis is reported to have said: "I know what happened, but I'm not talking."

Nicholson, Joe's veteran sparring partner, said: "I have no comment to make."

According to unofficial reports, Louis and Nicholson were sparring and the champion went to the floor after an exchange of punches. No one has officially stated whether Louis slipped or was knocked down.

Camp Ellis, Ill., Oct. 6; Chanute Field, Ill., Oct. 7; Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 8; Camp Grant, Ill., Oct. 11; Sioux City Army Air Base, Iowa, Oct. 12; Lincoln Army Air Field, Nebraska, Oct. 13. It is stated that Pvt. Alton Levy, this base that Pvt. Alton Levy, New York, was jailed for refusing the treatment of Negro

WAS JOE FLOORED?



WORSHIPFUL ADMIRERS—Enlisted men, white and colored, cram for vantage points as Joe hits camp and look with worshipful admiration as the champion makes the rounds. Here is Sergt. Joe signing up at Fort Devens, first stop on his 100-day tour, while Cpl. Walker Smith, Ray (Sugar) Robinson and hero-worshipping solders survey the proceedings.

SHE FAILED TO HOLD THEM TOGETHER



The Joe Louises and their infant daughter, Jacqueline, who Mrs. Louis says they hoped (in vain) would bind their marriage.

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

'Will Fight Again'—Louis

BOSTON, Aug. 30 (UP).—Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, said today he had every intention of resuming his ring career when he gets out of the Army.

Preparing to go to Fort Devens to begin a 100-day exhibition tour of the nation's Army camps, Louis said at a press conference:

"I figure that it will take me about eight weeks to get in fighting shape after I get out of the Army. I weigh 221 now and I'd want to get down around 205 before going in the ring."

Louis said he thought his first post-war opponent might be Billy Conn "because he's the best show."

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier

Louis' Boxing Schedule Is Revised

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — The nation-wide Army-camp tour of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow, under the direction of the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces, is going forward, the War Department announced Thursday.

Local conditions in the Service Commands and at the military establishments where Sergeant Barrow is scheduled to appear during September have necessitated some revision in the dates of the physical fitness tour.

Following the exhibition at Mitchell Field, the next stop will be Camp Upton, N. Y., September 3, followed by Camp Kilmer, N.J., September 6; Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, N. Y., September 7; Fort Dix, N. J., September 8; Fort Monroe and Langley Field, Va., September 9; Camp Patrick Henry and Camp A. P. Hill, Va., September 10; Camp Pendleton and Fort Story, Va., September 13; Fort Eustis, Va., September 14; Camp Lee, Va., September 15; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., September 16; Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., September 17, and Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Pa., on September 20.

The group includes Sergeant Barrow, First Sergeant George Nicholson, Corporal Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), Private George Wilson and Corporal Robert J. Payne, serving as trainer.

Fort Eustis Men Honor Champ Party



Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Shown above are Cpl. Robert J. of Fort Eustis, a former trainer at Following the exhibition match Payne, acting as Louis' trainer; Stillman's Gymnasium in New between Sgt. Joe Louis and 1st. Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, who finished for George J. (California) George Nicholson, Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson) and 1st. Sgt. Joe Louis, himself Va., September 14, members of the Eustis Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), who was resting from a party were awarded beautiful an injury received in the recentson, Louis' old sparring partner. trophies inscribed "From the gar-Henry Armstrong match; in the ison of Fort Eustis, Sept. 14, 1943." far background, Cpl. Jack Reilly,

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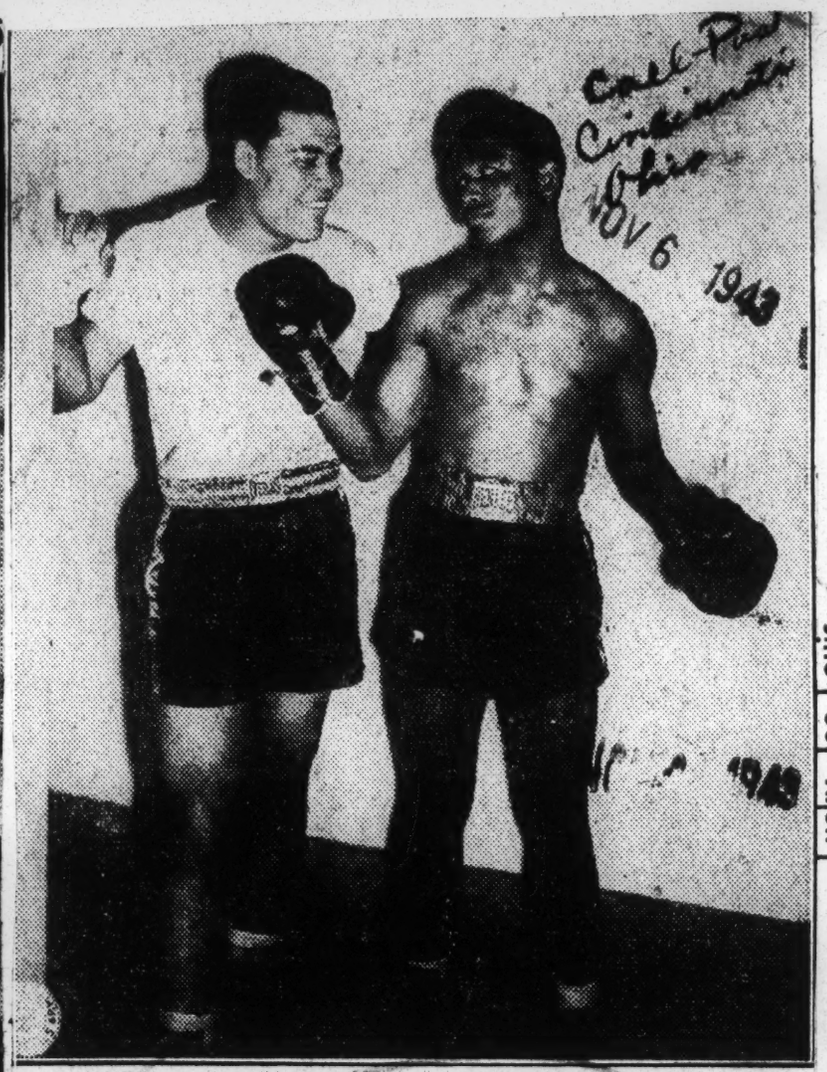
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CHAMPIONS MEET THE CHAMP



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Two disabled veterans of World War II, Sgt. Climmie Green of Kansas City, Kas., and Sgt. Isadore Warfield, Henderson, Ky., champions in every sense of the word, AUG 28 1943 world's heavyweight champion, and Maj. Gen. Irving J. Phillipson, head of the Army Emergency Relief Fund, at the Washington premiere of the great motion picture, "This Is the Army," in which Joe appears.



Lucky Joe Louis.

Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department

"LET'S SIT THIS ONE OUT, RAY!" That is Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow's well-earned advice to Corporal Walker (Sugar Ray Robinson) Smith, as the Louis troupe prepares for a rest in California. Under direction of the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, the group has appeared in 58 camps before 300,000 enthusiastic soldiers. The tour started August 30. First Sergeant George Nicholson, Corporal Robert J. Payne and Private George Wilson make up the remainder of the Louis group. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps).

Joe Louis and Ray Robinson Mix Fun with Fights to Keep Soldiers Happy

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
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TRANSFER, Pa. — Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow and his army troupe of boxers visited Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, now known as Camp Reynolds, last week, and made the hearts of every soldier in the camp a little lighter, forgetting for a while the more serious business at hand.

Without waiting for lunch, Joe and his fighters, First Sgt. George Nicholson, Cpl. Ray Robinson, Cpl. Jackie Wilson and Sgt. Joe Asker, tramped the long corridors of the Red Cross Hospital, autographing everything from musette bags to revolver holsters at the request of the convalescents.

Later, Joe gave the boys a talk on physical fitness than went three fast rounds with Nicholson, who has been his sparmate for seven years.

Joe and his sparmate gave Robinson (Sugar Ray), who refereed the exhibition "the works."

Sugar attempted to break the boys near the ropes in the second round, but slipped to the canvas and was skillfully shoved through the ropes by the feet of the fighters.

That Sugar learned his lesson was evident in the next round when he yelled "break" to the fighters at the other side of the ring.

From Shenango the troupe moved to Fort Custer, Mich., and later to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Louis was scheduled to be at Fort Knox, Ky., Tuesday, and also visit Camp Campbell, Ky., Camp Breckinridge, Ky., Scott Field, Ill., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before the end of the week.

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By Joe Williams

Garden Fans Fill Arena With Boos

World-Telegram
New York, N. Y.
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One of the War Department brass hats, speaking with valorous swivel chair authority, made it clear to Sgt. Joe Louis that he was not to attend the fights in Madison Square Garden last night.

"Your presence must not be used to help exploit a purely professional enterprise," the world's champion heavyweight was told, in words to this effect.

The sergeant must have been bewildered and baffled. There wasn't much he could do to help exploit a fight by merely sitting at the ringside and looking at it.

The sergeant shouldn't gripe, though. As it turned out he was the luckiest guy in New York. He missed a fight he wanted to see and in missing same he got a grand break. He missed one of the worst fights ever held in the Garden, perhaps ever held anywhere. Personally, we had to go all the way back to the Bryan Downey-Personally Wilson fight for the middleweight championship over in Jersey City to get a parallel fitting enough in mediocrity. At the time Jersey City to get a parallel fitting enough in mediocrity. At the time we thought that was a stinker to end all stinkers; after last night's offering we aren't so sure.

The champion must have said to himself, "My gosh, how do they Robinson was fighting old Henry Armstrong, the former triple-figure champion, and the word fighting is used advisedly. He won these things out? Here's Robinson, who is a soldier just like Johnny champion, and the word fighting is used advisedly. He won me, and the government lets him fight to get himself some dough. round of the 10. Nothing happened in any of them. The Jersey Citywe thought that was a stinker to end all stinkers; after last night's offering we aren't so sure.

It isn't likely that these thoughts ran through Louis' mind, but Robinson was fighting old Henry Armstrong, the former triple-if they did his process of thinking would be understandable. At any figure champion, and the word fighting is used advisedly. He won rate he wasn't at the ringside, and he was in town; in fact, he spent round of the 10. Nothing happened in any of them. The the afternoon with Robinson, and he never misses a fight in Garden.

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unanimously; they gave every round to Robinson. This is unprecedented in itself.

It wasn't anything like a massacre, as you might expect when everybody agrees almost punch for punch. It was a dainty, gentle, demure thing. Armstrong lost, was beaten but he wasn't battered. He bobbed and weaved and snorted and frowned and at widely separated intervals he landed a punch. Honestly, we counted only three he landed.

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A Nice, Pleasant Life.

Some of the sentimentalists in the press row tried to discourage the old triple-crowner from going through with the fight. He would be murdered by the younger and more gifted Robinson. He might be blinded. Did he know the story of other old-timers who had stayed around too long? They wound up with bells ringing in their ears, they talked baby talk, they walked on their heels. After all, was money everything?

We subscribe to the gentle emotions of the sentimentalists, but we fear they are driving up the wrong street. True enough, Armstrong has announced his retirement, but he's done that before. We have a deep feeling about Armstrong's future, too. We want to see him live to be 100 years old. The mere fact that he stands alone as the only fighter ever to hold three titles at the same time makes him something different.

We want old Henry to keep on fighting, especially against the likes of Robinson. Nothing is ever going to happen to him. He'll be able to go on for years and years. Bob Fitzsimmons was fighting when he was in his 50s. There's no reason why old Henry couldn't keep at it until he's in his 60s, even his 70s. . . . Of course, we'd want him always to be in there with a kindly, considerate fellow like Robinson.

Old Henry quit some time ago, ran out of money, came back and announced he needed $100,000. The way the boys have been co-operating with him is a warming, human thing. We saw him against Beau Jack. Nothing happened to old Henry in the Beau Jack fight, either. It was another of those dainty, demure things. The boys just like old Henry, and can you blame them?

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Why All the Clinching

Old Henry went through all the routine motions last night. He reminded you somehow of looking at an old Chaplin film. He puffed and puffed and puffed; he dipped and upped and dipped and upped and every once in a while he threw a punch. He looked pathetic. Everybody knew he would look that way. His performance against Beau Jack was the tip-off.

Robinson made a good straight man for him. The few times Robinson let loose he made old Henry look like a rank novice. But it was significant that every time Robinson, using a left jab and a right uppercut exclusively, seemed to hurt old Henry he would clinch.

This was significant because old Henry was never hitting him. You had to ask yourself why a guy would want to clinch and hold when he wasn't even being hit?

The answer came quickly. Robinson just didn't want to hurt old Henry. It was highway robbery at $16.50. But old Henry's got to get that $100,000 somehow. you know.

The LOW DOWN —

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New York, N. Y.

Upon Nations, Peoples and Ideas

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The Nazis vs. Joe Louis

Perhaps the most dramatic example of the importance of sports in the relations between peoples and even societies was the one which the Nazi regime created in 1938 when Max Schmeling fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Now it was not new for chauvinists to attack the idea of a Negro being the "Champion of the World." Way back at the turn of the century when Jack Johnson became the first member of his race to take the title, reactionaries all over the country provoked "race riots." These Ku Kluxers foamed at the mouth and for years led a frustrated, bitter existence. **The infamous "White Hope" campaign was started and all attempts were made to win back the title from Johnson in order to "prove" a non-existent "white supremacy."**

But in the case of Louis and Schmeling the struggle between the forces of progress and reaction became tense because after Louis' early defeat at the hands of Schmeling the whole Nazi regime trumpeted this as a manifestation of the superiority and invincibility of "Aryanism" over democracy.

After Joe had been beaten in that fight the entire controlled Nazi press heaped abuse and scorn on him. They predicted that in the second fight Schmeling would again hammer Joe into submission. They made of a prize fight a serious international political struggle which moved and stirred the whole world.

The night of the fight some 200 members of the German consulate, replete in Nazi uniforms, stormed the Yankee Stadium, marching to their ringside seats in military fashion, saluting with their upraised arms and heiling constantly.

When Louis, realizing that more was at stake than his title, smashed the Aryan "invincible" into the dust within two minutes of the first round with a fury unmatched in modern ring annals, he helped rip to shreds the whole corrupt, rotten "Aryan supremacy" theory. The democratic world was beside itself with joy. Anti-fascists the world over took heart, rejoiced as if a great war of liberation had been won. Among the Negro people especially, this victory of Louis over Schmeling was a vindication of their own strength, their own innate ability. How can anyone forget the stirring, heart-moving demonstration which took place in Harlem a few minutes after Schmeling had been counted out, a screaming wreck upon the canvas?

And it is significant that this demonstration was completely political in character. Flags of the Ethiopian republic, raped by fascist Italy, waved in the streets of Harlem all night. Negroes went out of their way to greet, hug, kiss and shake the hands of any Jewish person they could find. Their victory was the victory of the Jews too. And they made no attempt to conceal it.

In Germany, the Nazi regime was so shocked and horrified, its prestige so shattered, that in its usual criminal way it yelled that Louis had fouled Schmeling. But no one of course believed that and who knows what the **true** reaction of the German people themselves were to this defeat of the man who had been built up to represent the "invincibility" of the Aryan system?

Thus, even from these few incidents in the history of sports, it is clear that sports play a vital part among peoples and even among nations and political ideologies.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia



WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD TO HA[illegible] YOU, JOE!—Joe Louis receives a hearty handshake from Major Bernard J. Duffy upon his arrival at Fort Devens, Massachusetts recently on his first stop in his physical fitness tour conducted under the direction of the Army's Special Service Division. Major Duffy is special service officer of the First Service Command. Lieutenant Colonel Walter Brown looks on. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Joe Loses

Atlanta, Ga., according to the Associated Press.

Exhibitions in the various camps of the commands will be arranged by the commanding generals in each area. Coupled with the workouts are to be talks by Louis' soldier physical fitness.

His Shine

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Champ Ordered to Put On Regular "G. I." Uniform

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26—The War Department explained last Saturday just what happened to Sergeant Joe Louis early that morning, after reports that the heavyweight champion had fought Marines and Military Police in the 14th street sector.

stopped by a MP and informed that he was "out of uniform." Louis was wearing an officer's shirt with officers' loops on the shoulders, which only officers are permitted to wear. The MP disclosed a broadside Army crackdown on all enlisted soldiers strolling around Washington in anything but GI uniforms. Louis was released without being booked by the MPs.



JOE LOUIS
...ort Douglas, Utah; Eighth, Dallas. Louis, ...ays in the Fourth

Joe Louis Begins Exhibition Tour of Camps in U.S., Abroad

Post
Washington, D. C.

Heavyweight Champion Set for 100-Day Boxing Program for Benefit of the Boys

Sergt. Joe Louis will start an exhibition trek tomorrow that eventually will carry him overseas for [illegible] play of the fistic skill that won him the heavyweight boxing crown.

The War Department, the Brown Bomber's duration manager, disclosed yesterday that the champ will tour Army camps in this country for 100 days and then go abroad. Louis' schedule, after the First begin the tour in the First Service Command, includes five days in the Second Service Command with headquarters at Boston. There will be shows at Camp Miles Standish, Camp Edwards and Fort Devens.

With Louis will be First Sergt. Baltimore; five days in the Fifth, George Nicholson, his former Columbus, Ga.; six days in the 27 days in the Ninth. sparring partner who is now a Sixth, Chicago; nine days in the Eighth, Dallas. boxing instructor at Mitchell Seventh. Omaha. Nebr.; 17 days Tex., and 22 days

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People's Voice
New York, N. Y.



SHOWN IN PIC are Marva Louis and baby Jacqueline, daughter of world champ Joe Louis. Marva says that finally, after much public discussion back and forth, she and Joe have reached the parting of the ways. This pic of baby Jackie is one of the best yet taken of the infant, only child of the famous couple.—(Layne foto).

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Joe's A Genuine Leader

AMONG the other things that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is, he is a race leader. The Champ may not consider this a compliment, considering that the phrase, "race leader," has been tagged on many an unworthy character during the Negro's fight up from slavery.

Nevertheless, Joe Louis cannot escape the mantle inasmuch as he so consistently and so practically demonstrates his sincere interest in the uplift of his race.

The champion's contributions to the field of race leadership are considerably less heralded than are those of some of the more vociferous, professional race leaders. But in terms of practical gains, he oftimes accomplishes more than the theorists who make speeches exhorting us to throw off the yoke of oppression. In other words he does something about it.

For instance, there was the time last Thursday night when the Joe Louis tour was in danger of being dissolved in the few minutes of indignant reaction to the discriminatory seating arrangements for his exhibition show at Fort Monroe, Va. Joe didn't like the setup, said so, and backed his protest with the full weight of pressure that this most popular sports idol in America can and does exert in behalf of his race.

Norfolk, Virginia

The seats were so arranged that no Negro soldiers or sailors were anywhere in sight from the ring. They had difficulty seeing Joe and Joe couldn't see them at all. He was plenty mad and he told them so. He put on his show, under protest, because he's first and last a good soldier. But he carried his protest immediately to his own commanding officer and later to the War Department in Washington. He doesn't expect to have any more trouble of that kind in the South. He's made it clear that he is working hard to entertain America's soldiers—both black and white—and he expects to see black soldiers down in those front pews when he goes on. Many a professional race leader appears before those discriminatory audiences with nary a protest of any kind.

Then there is the matter of businesses for Negroes. Not only does Joe think Negroes ought to be in business but he does something about it, too. He sets them up in business and his money backs them. His close associates tell us that more Negro enterprises than any other Negro in America, according to the estimates of his associates—are backed by Louis will not patronize white establishments where colored firms are the only ones really familiar with what he has invested wants and what he frequently accepts the extent to which he has invested wants and what he frequently accepts in Negro businesses. He lays his cents inferior service to deal with

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But he acts, and it is actions which count in the final analysis.

LITTLE JACQUELINE LOUIS CHRISTENED

Defender
Chicago, Ill.



Looking like a life-size doll, tiny Jacqueline Louis Barrow, daughter of the heavyweight champ of the world, was christened by the Rev. Archibald J. Carey at the Woodlawn Baptist church in a quiet ceremony this week.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Louis To Make Tour Of Camps Over World

Giving Boxing Lessons

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Sgt. Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, will make a round-the-world tour of Army posts, giving boxing exhibitions and lessons in physical conditioning.

Accompanied by Truman Gibson, special adviser on Negro matters to the secretary of war, Louis made this announcement Saturday at an informal press conference at the War Department, where he had come to discuss plans for the trip with high officials.

Details of the tour, including the date for its start and the exact itinerary, remain to be worked out.

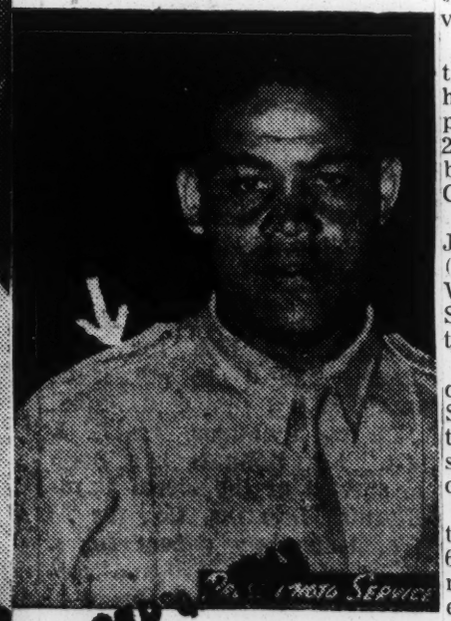
The champion hopes to take his old sparring partner, First Sgt. George Nichols, on the tour. Nichols is now stationed at Mitchell Field. Louis said others in the group, he hopes, will be Pvt. Ray Robinson and St. Sgt. Jackie Wilson, both of whom have fought at Madison Square Garden.

Just returned from Hollywood, where he was in the cast of the all-Army show, "This Is the Army," Louis is on furlough until Aug. 3, when he will report back to Ft. Riley, Kan.

He said he will leave Washington soon for his home in Detroit and expects to play in a golf tournament in Chicago beginning July 19.

Weekly Review
Birmingham, Ala.

Arrest Sergeant Joe Louis



WASHINGTON D. C. (Special to Press Photo Service) — The fact that Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion was arrested and jailed by an M. P. here a few days ago, the incident has caused many war officials to flood the "brown bomber" with apologies. The Sgt. had violated a minor infraction of Army regulation by wearing an officer's shirt with shoulder flaps (as indciated by the arrow in the above photo.) After reprimands by Army authorities, the "Fistiana King" was released. The arresting M. P. is reported to have said that his orders were to pick servicemen whenever he saw them wearing unauthorized army apparel. Sgt. Louis returned to his post at Camp Mead, Md., where he resumed his training activities

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

LOUIS ENDS HIS TOUR OF CAMPS ON JANUARY 20

Several Alabama Posts To See Champ, His Group Fight

Average House At Bouts Is 7,000; Boxer To Go Overseas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, world's heavyweight boxing champion, will end his exhibition tour of Army posts in this country Jan. 20 and then go overseas to visit camps in various theaters of operations.

This was announced Friday by the War Department. Louis and his group are scheduled for 21 appearances between now and Jan. 20 at camps in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Traveling with Louis are Sgt. James Edgar, Corp. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), Pct. George Wilson (Jackie Wilson), Corp. Bob Smith and Corp. George J. Payne, trainer.

To date the group, traveling under direction of the Army Special Services Division, has visited more than 70 Army installations in every section of the United States except the Southeast.

The War Department said that by the end of the tour more than 630,000 soldiers will have witnessed the exhibitions with al average attendance of 7,000 at each appearance.

Corp. Smith joined the party recently at Camp Hood, Tex., replacing Sgt. George Nicholson, who had been boxing with Louis at every appearance. In addition to boxing exhibitions, talks on physical fitness are given and station hospitals visited.

The department announced this remaining schedule for the party:

Dec. 20, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.; Dec. 20, New Orleans Port of Embarkation; Dec. 21, Keesler Field, Miss.; Dec. 28, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Dec. 29, Camp McCain, Miss.; Dec. 30, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Dec. 31, Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala.

Jan. 3, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Jan. 4, Maxwell Field, Ala.; Jan. 5, Camp Rucker, Ala.; Jan. 6, Eglin Field, Fla.; Jan. 7, Camp Blanding, Fla.; Jan. 10, Orlando Air Base, Fla.; Jan. 11, Drew Field, Fla.; Jan. 12, Camp Stewart, Ga.; Jan. 13, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; Jan. 14, Camp Gordon, Ga.; Jan. 17, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Jan. 18, Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Jan. 20, Camp Davis, N. C.; Jan. 20, Camp Butner, N. C.

The proposed overseas itinerary was not announced.

FORT DIX, N. J.—Sergt. Joe Louis Barrow, world heavyweight champion got up from a sick bed here Wednesday night to box three exhibition rounds before 8,500 soldiers in the Fort Dix sports arena. The champion was nursing a severe cold for most of the day and had been resting it easy in his quarters. However, he was determined not to disappoint the soldiers who had been looking forward to the show for quite some time.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis Quits Sick Bed to Box at Ft. Dix

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Marva Will Display These Charms. . .Add Music to This Personality to Buy Bunting for Baby







Marva to Aid Family Coffer; Funds Needed

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — Although Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, has earned purses totaling $2,374,866, his beautiful estranged wife, Marva, will sing for her supper.

This announcement came from the lips of the voluptuous Marva herself, [illegible] the Hotel Theresa, when she received the press in a setting of hors d'oeuvres, liquers, and grinding newsreel cameras, last week.

Marva said she will make her professional debut in December with a swing band, hot spot, theatre, or movie company. Presently she is continuing voice study and considering offers. She added she will specialize in romantic ballads of the sophisticated variety.

Denies Rift

Mrs. Louis revealed that Sergeant Joe had reluctantly agreed to her career and denied any rift in their relations. She wants it known, moreover, that the Louis clan is not busted, but Joe's niggardly army check is, well . . . .

"We have certain properties and other possessions," explained Marva, "but they provide no income."

Besides said, the lovely would-be-torch-chantuese she needs funds to keep a brother and a sister in Howard University, maintain her Chicago residence, and provide a nurse for the Louis heir, 8-month-old Jacqueline.

Great Negro Pitchers Face Grays in Two Games Here

Washington, D. C. Post

Two of the greatest pitchers ever turned out by Negro baseball will test Washington's Homestead Grays within the next 48 hours.

This afternoon at Griffith Stadium Leon Day, sensational pitcher of the Newark Eagles, is to face the Grays in on end of a Negro National League double header set for 2 p. m.

And on Tuesday night old Leroy ("Satchelfoot") Paige and his world champion Kansas City Monarchs will invade for an intersectional game with the Grays under the ball park's big mazdas at 8:30.

Manager "Mule" Suttles, formerly a slugging first baseman of the old Washington Pilots, will make Newark's pitching selections today from Day and either Jesse Hill or Len Hooker. Johnny Wright and Edsel Wright probably will work for the Homesteaders.

Neither the Grays nor Eagles have been beaten in the second half of the Negro National League com-

petition, and today's winner consequently will take over the lead.

"Satchelfoot" Paige, who has teamed with the Monarchs to attract 111,115 paid admissions in five past performances locally, was never better than now. Recently he pitched 11 consecutive hitless and runless innings before being credited with a 5-to-1 victory over the Philadelphia Stars in Philadelphia.

Only last Sunday Paige was credited with a 2-1 victory for the East over the West in the Negro All-Star game before nearly 52,000 persons at Comiskey Park, Chicago, pitching to only ten batsmen, and retiring four of these on strikes. Eight Homestead Grays, incidentally, were included on the East's squad.

The Grays and Monarchs each won a game in a two-game series here this past June, the world champions taking the first game and the Grays the second. The Homesteaders hold a [illegible] advantage in games with the Monarchs here within the past two seasons, but Kansas City is confident it will tie up this intersectional rivalry Tuesday night.

Paige, who was beaten by the Grays his last time out locally, has demanded the right to go to the firing pit Tuesday night, and intimates that he will square accounts with something to spare. The coming of hot weather, "Satchelfoot's" admirers maintain, always round the veteran into his highest peak of effectiveness.

Reservations for the sixth meeting of the Grays and Monarchs may be made at Griffith Stadium or through Dupont 6333.

LOUIS' SCHEDULE REVISED

New York Times

War Department Announces New Itinerary for Boxers

New York, N. Y.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The War Department announced today [illegible] itinerary for Sgt. Joe Louis' tour of army camps. The heavyweight champion gave a boxing exhibition at Mitchel Field, L. I., tonight.

The group includes Sergeant Louis, First Sgt. George Nicholson, Corp. Ray Robinson, Pfc. George Wilson and Corp. Robert J. Payne, serving as trainer.

The revised schedule:

Sept. 3, Camp Upton, L. I.; 6, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; 7, Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, N. Y.; 8, Fort [illegible], N. J.; 9, Fort Monroe and Langley Field, Va.; 10, Fort Patrick Henry and Camp [illegible] P. Hill, Va.; [illegible] Camp Pendleton and Fort Story, Va.; [illegible], Fort Eustis, Va.; 15, Camp Lee, Va.; 16, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; 17, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa.; 20, Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Pa.

Fells Louis But Pleads Not Guilty

World-Telegram

New York, N. Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Thirty-f[illegible] hundred [illegible] soldiers gasped as they saw Sgt. Joe Louis knocked onto the seat of his trunks by a jab in an exhibition with his old sidekick, now a top-kick, George Nicholson, last night at Mitchel Field.

It was a surprising turn of events for this routine one-night stand in Louis' 100-day tour of the camps which completes its first week this evening with a stop at Camp Upton, where Joe took his basic.

Louis obviously was more discomfited than hurt. He jumped to his feet quickly and soon was moving into Nicholson. There wasn't time to deal out retribution the third—and final—round ending shortly thereafter.

Probably most shocked was Nicholson who, in hundreds of rounds of training camp boxing, rarely rocked the heavyweight champion.

"It wasn't a punch, I stepped on Joe's foot," said Nicholson later in a dressing room of the post gym.

An officer volunteered the information that "the champ got one foot caught behind the other and tripped himself up."

Everybody Told A Different Story

Someone [illegible] mentioned to Louis that "it's going to look bad in the papers." Joe answered: "It don't matter. I know what really happened."

So far as this eyewitness is concerned, Louis was knocked down all right but it was just one of those freakish things. It shouldn't result in anybody listing Nicholson along with Max Schmeling, Tony Galento and Buddy Baer, chaps who floored the Brown Bomber in real ring combat.

Louis was asked if it had ever happened before in a training bout or exhibition. Joe recalled one occasion at Pompton Lakes while readying himself for Bob

Great Shape, or Dead After Tour, Says Joe.

Nobody knows better than Louis himself how rusty he is. He hasn't fought a year and a half and the tournoons he must tramp the long [illegible] City in a two-motored army plane. He suggested to Captain Fitzgerald, director of the tour, yes-that Nicholson, who had never Raybeen up before, be "commanded" Pvt. Jackie Wilson to go along. George, a groom of

five weeks, said yes, but without alacrity. They spent an hour soaring over the sykscrapers. He seemed reconciled to flying when they returned.

Champ Tries Out A Jeep On Fort Dix Visit

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia



JOE LOUIS TAKES RIDE IN JEEP—Some one has posed a question: who has the most punch, Joe Louis of fistic fame or the jeep, rugged and mighty midget truck of the army? We can't answer that one. Sergeant Joe Louis, at Fort Dix on his nation-wide army camp tour goes for a ride with several of his cronies. Seated beside him is Sergeant Don Blackman of the Fort Dix Military Police, former wrestling star. (Photo by Fort Dix Public Relations Office.)

Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department

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10,000 Soldiers Turn Out, Hail Sergt. Joe Louis, Ray Robinson

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

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CAMP [illegible] More than 10,000 soldiers roared their approval of the classy ring wares of Sergeant Joe Louis here last week as the Brown Bomber went through his paces against his former sparring partner, First Sergeant George Nicholson.

Ending his visits to Virginia military installations the heavy-weight champion continued on his 100-day tour of Army camps, appearing before an overflowing crowd in the Second Brigade Boxing Arena and being made a life member of the 9th Quartermaster Training Regiment Cadre Club.

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Ray's Hand Injury

Due to a hand injury received in his recent fight with Henry Armstrong, Corporal Walker Smith (Ray Robinson) was unable to make his scheduled appearance as one of the fighters and acted as referee for the champion's exhibition until Louis, in one of his rare playful moods, forced him through the ropes.

Sergeant Ummie Edgar substituted for Robinson, opposing Private Jackie Wilson in a welter-weight match. Five bouts between Camp Lee boxers completed the card.

The champion arrived here early Wednesday afternoon from Fort Eustis where he had made a Tuesday night appearance and was welcomed to this post by Major-General James E. Edmonds, camp commander; Brigadier-General Guy I. Rowe, commanding general Quartermaster Replacement Center; and Brigadier-General George A. Horkan, commandant Quartermaster School.

Visits Hospital

Shortly after his arrival Louis visited the station hospital where patients were thrilled to shake the famed fighter's hand. Later during the afternoon he gave impromptu pri-instructions to 1,000 boxing students in the outdoor ring at the Sixth Regiment.

While at Lee, Louis and his party were quartered in Quartermaster Detachment Number Two, with Lt. Paul H. Harrington, detachment commander as host. The champion was welcomed on the post by Major-General Harry Bopp. Pittsburgh boasts a fighter of its own in Sergeant Russell A. Allen, sergeant major, Ninth Regiment and former Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Athletic Commission. Another Lee soldier meeting the quar-heavyweight king was Master Sergeant [illegible].

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Louis Tells Knox Soldiers Go In Fit

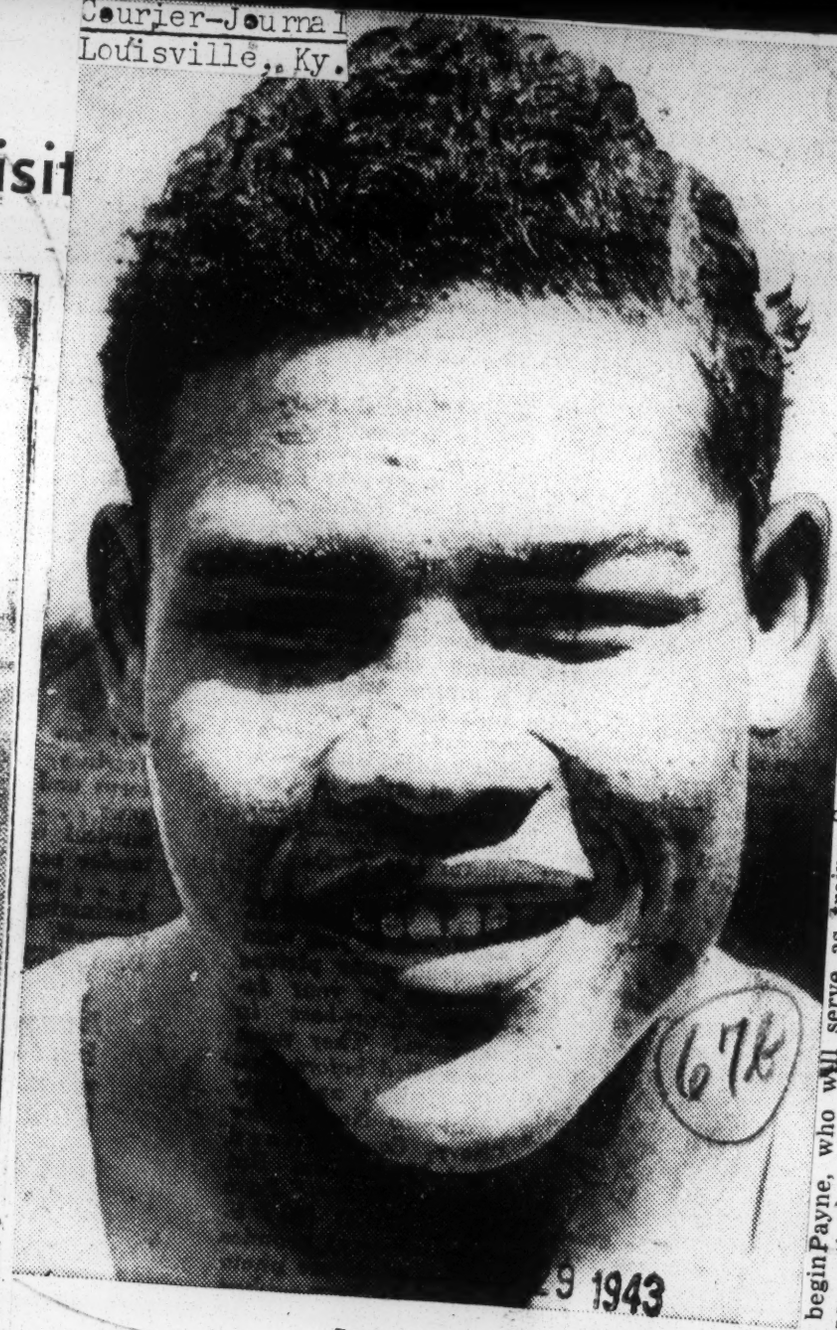
"Go in fit and you will be more likely to come out fit," Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, told soldiers at Ft. Knox on Tuesday afternoon on a tour of the post prior to an exhibition scheduled at 7 p.m.

Joe arrived at Ft. Knox at 1:30 p.m., after an automobile trip from Camp Atterbury, Ind., and went immediately to speak to two groups in the post hospital. After visiting many wards, he went to the [illegible] house to talk before the ladies gathering of the day, to the [illegible] Club and to the Negro regimental headquarters.

Louis and his party will be in Camp Campbell on Wednesday

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Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.



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JOE LOUIS
Visits Fort Knox.

Louis' Boxing Tour of Camps Is Postponed

Washington Post

Sergt. Joe Louis' boxing exhibition tour of camps in the physical fitness tour originally scheduled to start last Wednesday and Thursday. At Camp Campbell he will meet Billy Conn, who gave him a whale of a heavyweight championship battle. They will not put on an exhibition.

Heading his party is Capt. Carroll Fitzgerald of the Public Relations Office, Washington, D. C.; George S. Nicholson, heavyweight, whom he met in exhibitions; Corp. Walter Smith, also known as Sugar Ray Robinson, a welterweight fighter; Pvt. George "Jackie" Wilson, lightweight fighter; Corp. Robert J. Payne, trainer, and Sgt. James Edgar, welterweight fighter.

In his talks he stressed the very great need for top physical fitness. "If you go into battle in good shape," he said, "you got more chance of coming out unhurt. It's just like the fight game, the baseball game or the football game. Condition counts plenty."

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Louis will be from Fort Devens, Mass., to the wards, Mass., the Associated Press reported.

A portion of the itinerary announced yesterday. The group will begin August 30 at Fort Devens, Mass., and will be postponed, but not proved thus far will take the group to Camp Edwards, Mass., September 1; Fort Miles, Del., September 2; Camp Upton, N. Y., September 3; Mitchel Field, N. Y., September 6; Camp Kilmer, N. J., September 7; Standish, Mass., September 8; Fort Devens, Mass., September 9; Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, N. Y., September 10; Camp Campbell, Ky., September 13; Camp Atterbury, Ind., September 14; Indiantown Gap, Military Reservation, Pa., September 15, and Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, Pa., September 16.

Accompanying Louis will be Corpl. Walker Smith, known in the ring as Sugar Ray Robinson; Pvt. Camp Upton, N. Y., First Sergt. George Nicholson, heavyweight champion's old sparring partner; Mitchel Field, N. Y., Pvt. Carroll Fitzgerald, Public Relations Office, Washington, D. C.

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Sgt. Joe Louis Boxes At Camp Lee On Tour

Defender
Chicago, Ill
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CAMP LEE, Va.—When Sgt. Joe Louis went to Camp Lee Wednesday, Sept. 15, he put on an exhibition bout against Sgt. George Nicholson, his former sparring partner, as the feature of an all-star fight card at the Second Brigade Boxing Bowl.



Sgt Joe Louis

The Brown Bomber, world's heavyweight champion, was quartered with Headquarters Detachment, QM Sect. 2. He visited patients at Station hospital early in the afternoon and then talked to those interested in boxing at the 6th QMRTC Regt. outdoor boxing bowl.

The fight card at the Second Brigade bowl included six standout fighters from the First and Third Brigades and six outstanding Second Brigade pugilists.

Cpl. Walter Smith (Ray Robinson) and Pvt. Jackie Wilson put on a welterweight clash, and the piece de resistance was then presented, the exhibition between Louis and Sgt. George Nicholson.

The appearance of Louis at Camp Lee was part of a 100-day tour of army installations prior to going overseas to entertain fighting men in all parts of the world. He came here from Fort Eustis and left for the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland after making his local appearance.

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Joe's Army Troupe Has Boxed for 150,000 Men

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WASHINGTON

Sergt. Joe Louis Barrow and his group of boxers who are giving exhibitions and talks on physical fitness at army camps throughout the nation under the direction of the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, appeared before approximately 150,000 soldiers in the first four weeks of the tour, according to estimates received by the War Department.

Starting August 30 last, the group visited twenty-one camps during that period. Attendance varied with the size of the camps, but invariably reflected much enthusiasm.

The party visits first the station hospital at each installation, and also the general hospital if there is one. Later in the day they give the boxers of the camp special instruction, demonstration and advice on physical fitness. In the evening a boxing show is staged, preceded by a talk by Sergeant Barrow.

Members of the group other than Sergeant Barrow are: First Sgt. George Nicholson, Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson), Pvt. George Wilson (Jackie Wilson), and Cpl. Robert J. Payne, who serves as trainer.

Sgt. James Edgar, boxing instructor at Camp Lee, joined the party there due to the injury of Robinson's elbow. Robinson continued with the troupe.

"Sugar" Ray Robinson Joins Louis On Tour

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Another outstanding pugilist has been added to the roster of star athletes who will accompany Sgt. Joe Louis on his 100 tour of the army camps before embarkation for military encampment overseas. The latest addition to the champ's entourage is Ray "Sugar" Robinson, former welterweight fighter, now an army corporal. Sgt. George Nicholson, boxing instructor at Mitchell Field, New York, is also a member of the party.

In addition to his boxing exhibitions, the heavyweight champion will deliver a series of lectures on the theme that a "well conditioned army is a fighting army."

Sgt. Louis and his colleagues are now in the First Service Command area staging performances at Camp Miles Standish, Camp Edwards and Fort Devens in Massachusetts. They completed the first lap of the tour at Fort Meade, Md., last week.

Other exhibitions will be put on at the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Service Commands.

LOUIS SAYS HE'LL QUIT BOXING WHEN HE'S 32

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAMP KILMER, N. J.—While waiting to box three exhibition rounds with First Sgt. George Nicholson here, Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow leaned against the pillar of his cottage and talked with interviewers about his future in the Army and the ring.

It was an entirely different Joe Louis, too. Gone were all the traces of shyness. It seems the Army, through closer association with many men, has matured the Brown Bomber and given him greater confidence and self-assurance.

Louis no longer groped for words as he evaluated his future.

"I am 29 years old now and hope to retire from the ring when I'm 32. That's about the maximum age at which a heavyweight can retain his peak of efficiency. A man of my weight doesn't use up as much energy as a lighter weight man.

"I'm in pretty good shape now. If I were called upon to defend my title, all I need is about eight weeks of conditioning.

"The Army has kept me in great shape. Between fights before entering the service I used to lounge around and do nothing for months at a time. However, now I am always in good condition. I do a lot of walking, which keeps my legs strong, and regular hours do the rest.

"Of course, all these plans depend on the duration of the war," he added with a grin.

"I think my current tour will be very helpful," Sergeant Louis continued. "Not only will it instill the physical fitness idea among the men, but many soldiers will take up fighting as a career when the war is over.

"My one ambition," he added, "is to retire as the undefeated heavyweight boxing champion of the world."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Louis "Pinch Hits" for Hero at Fort Ceremony

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, world's heavyweight boxing champion, received the Soldier's Medal on behalf of Pvt. Boyd S. Ivey, hero of a drowning rescue attempt at Fort Leonard Wood on July 14 recently, when he appeared here in an exhibition bout.

Pvt. Ivey, a former member of the Thirty-third Engineer Training Battalion, is now convalescing in a Michigan hospital and will receive his medal from Louis. His award was in recognition of a "valiant attempt to save the life of a drowning soldier at Ford Leonard Wood in July."

A few weeks after the incident to which reference was made in the War Department award, Pvt. Ivey was the victim of another accident which later resulted in the amputation of a leg.

JOE TO GET BRIEF REST

WASHINGTON

Worn by a gruelling schedule of exhibitions, Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow and his group of boxers who have been appearing at army camps, will be given a brief rest from November 8 to 12, after reaching the Pacific Coast, the War Department has announced.

By that time the tour, under direction of the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, will have taken the group to 48 camps. Attendance of military personnel now totals well over a quarter of a million men. Following an appearance last Friday at Camp Phillips, Kans., the schedule continues as follows:

Alliance Army Air Base, Nebraska, October 18; Camp Carson, Colorado, 19; Camp Hale, Colorado, 20; Lowry Field, Colorado, 21; Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, 22; Gowen Field, Idaho, 25; Geiger Field, Washington, 26; Fort Lewis, Washington, 27; Camp Adair, Oregon, 28; Camp White, Oregon, 29; Camp Beale, California;

November 1, Mather Field, California; 2, Fort Ord; 3, Camp Roberts; 4, Camp San Luis Obispo; 5, Camp Cook; 15, Santa Ana Army Air Base.

Has Vivid Memory of Fight With Joe Louis

Kansas City Call

Farr, a British Commando, Lost His Family in a London Raid

Kansas City, Mo.

Major Tommy Farr, British heavyweight boxing champion, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Berry, 2625 Olive. Major Farr struck up an acquaintance on the train from Harold Young, en route from the west coast to Chicago, who was to be a houseguest at the Berry home. The British major was also invited to visit Dunkirk and has seen action in other theaters of war as a commando, were written by his hostess.

BY TOMMY BERRY

Major Thomas Farr of the British army and Tommy Farr of the heavyweight fight ring, show the same



HERE'S HOW LOUIS TOURTheir respective posts by the Joe Louis, Corporal Ray Robinson, Captain Fitzgerald, who will the tour for the Army. ture of the principals Joe together for a brief discussion of Carroll Fitzgerald, who handle the tour while waiting for Joe Louis exhibition tour is this Sgt. Jackie Wilson who will tour, was not present. Journal and Guide exclusive is picture was made. Louis himself to speak to the is getting the dates taken backstage at the Lin- make the tour initial itinerary from coln Theatre in Washington when this picture was made. Nicholson is at the Army." Shown here are, left to right: Sgt. Joe Louis, Captain Fitzgerald, Corporal Ray Robinson, Sgt. Jackie Wilson and Sgt. George Nicholson. Nicholson is Heavyweight Champion last Thursday a few minutes after the men, summoned from

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qualities—of toughness, sportsmanship and courage—that made him a symbol to American sport lovers when he stayed in the ring for 15 rounds with Joe Louis. Now he is a symbol of British stamina through hardships and personal tragedy.

He has arrived in [redacted] fresh from Europe's theaters of war to visit camps, making exhibition bouts and earning money for the starving children of Europe. He will enter training in a few weeks in St. Louis for a coming bout with Jimmy Bivins, who has been generally conceded to be the "duration" heavyweight champion, and had a "crown" placed on his h[redacted] by none other than Sgt. Joe Louis.

"Joe Louis is a great fighter and a very good friend," the British heavyweight champion said while visiting here.

With a rueful smile he began to reminisce about that famous match with Joe in Washington, D. C., several years ago.

"Joe looked big, like two double doors, coming out of his corner," Tommy said. "I wondered for a moment if I should just stand there like the rest of them and let Joe get it over with quick," the Britisher recalled. Then Joe hit him. "Gosh, that didn't hurt, I thought," Tommy continued, "so when he hit me again I smiled, because that didn't hurt either."

And the world knows the story of the tough young Welshman who went 15 rounds with Joe Louis and didn't get knocked off his feet. He was a good sport, he had courage, and he had what it takes to appeal to the public.

Tommy said a lot went through his mind after Joe hit [redacted] the second time. He remembered how long he had been fighting—18 years to be exact. It all started when, as a youngster of twelve, he was working in the coal mines and accidentally conked his foreman over the head with a shovel. He begged the foreman to stand back and not come any closer, but the foreman kept coming, thus starting Tommy on his way to fame and fortune through a knockout in the black recesses of a coal mine.

"I love to fight," he said simply. "It's all I know. I have to keep on fighting until one of two things happen."

And when you heard that, then you knew all about Tommy Farr. You could see right through the soul of this British boy who has lived through the "blood, sweat and tears" immortalized by Churchill. Five members of his immediate family were killed in the Nazi blitz on London.

When, with his faith, he explained the things in which he believed, you understood that in a simple, dignified way two great fighters—the boxer and the soldier—walk side by side with God. "You learn to know Him in a fox hole or a slit trench," he said, but somehow this writer got the feeling he had always known God.

Tommy Farr has very little to say, but what he says speaks a volums in humility of spirit. His soft "Yes M'am" and "No M'am" is refreshing in its sincerity. He likes the [redacted] brothers. They are perhaps his favorite, because one night they came to his room and sang any number of songs for him. He likes Count Basie's boogie-woogie because he likes the way Basie's left hand makes the bass rumble.

Tommy Farr likes philosophy, [redacted] he can also lose himself over Donald Duck and Superman, as we found out during his visit.

What does he think of Kansas City? He likes it and he likes the people. He said he liked the Negro people he met because they are fine people to know, without thinking about what color they are. In his judgment they have a grand sense of humor and vast intelligence.

Incidentally, during conversation with a group here, much of the point of Negro wit was lost to him, and he would often ask someone nearby what was meant, as if speaking o an interpreter. He will learn that good old Negro philosophy is incomparable throughout the world.

The champion was asked a pointed question regarding the relationships between the British people and Negro soldiers stationed there. The question seemed to surprise him. He pointed to himself as if that took in all of England and her policies.

"We eat with them, sleep with them,—we're glad to have them as our friends," was the way he summed up the situation.

He is aware of the discrimination the Negro meets in his native soil. His advice was to repeat a simple bit of wisdom given to a former Negro fighter: "God gave you a fighting body and brains to use to the fullest for yourself and for your race, and a man of talent is respected anywhere."

He asked persons in a small group gathered to meet him whom they considered as a great Negro man. When no one mentioned Henry Armstrong, he was both astonished and sad. He said the greatest thrill of his life came when Henry crawled through the ropes to shake hands with him. Armstrong will forever be a favorite in England, he reported.

"Your America is beautiful," he remarked. "Over here I lost every fight, but I love your America, including the way people push you about. I hope to come back to Kansas City because the shade trees remind me of home, and because the people are so nice."

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By Joe Cummiskey

Roi Ottley's New Book Explains Why Negroes Idolize Champ Joe Louis



New York Times
New York. N. Y.

OLEAN, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Down here on the campus of St. Bonaventure's College whose athletic field was once trod by McGraw and Jennings as they made their way upward along baseball's glory road, I paused today with a new book in my hand and remembered another kid of a later era who also has cut his mark.

That kid is now the author, Roi Ottley, once a star trackman for Bonnie who just last week had his first book published—A Life-in-America prize book; *New World A-Coming* (Houghton Mifflin Co.).

Ottley's fly-leaf biography overlooks his stay at Bonnies but through no intention of his, I'm sure, because those were happy times for him and his two Negro co-stars, Charley [illegible] and [illegible]oore. I remember him well. I'm here to write though, not of Ottley, but of what he wrote.

Of particular interest to sports fans is the chapter on Joe Louis and his people. I plan to quote generously from portions of it to give you an idea of what was in the wind but seemingly so far away and only a breeze in the Summer of '36.

Joe Becomes Fistic Idol

That was the year Joe Louis was the Nation's fistic idol. The year before Joe had chopped down the so-called invincible hulk of Primo Carnera and Harlem—and the world who loves a winner—went wild.

"To understand the collective behavior of Black America, we must try to grasp the meanings of the immense prestige that the Negro community attaches to those who are successful; and to grasp, as well, the social factors operating in the background. When a Negro is a success, it is credited not only to him but to the whole race. For another thing, the Negro feels that achievement by a Negro breaks down the prevailing opinions of the Negro's inferiority.

"Actually though, Negro achievement has an even more positive effect on Negroes themselves. It is indeed a shot in the arm which helps to tear away inner feelings of inadequa[illegible] thus to quicken the social advancement of the enti[illegible]

"Then came the first Schmeling fight. The Jews and the Anti-Nazi League (seems far away now, doesn't it?) boycotted the fight but even so, 40,000 fans turned out and saw Joe knocked out for the first time in his life, in the 12th round."

From the Schwarz Korps in Berlin, from Goebbels, came wires to Der Max, exulting that Schmeling's "shattering fists had smashed all adversaries of National Socialism in the face." The Nazis fighter, on his return to Berlin, was saluted by Hitler as an inspiration to German youth and he and his wife were entertained officially.

Louis Redoubled Efforts

"The defeat of Louis was stunning. . . . The Negro public was flabbergasted."

Louis took defeat philosophically, redoubled his efforts to improve his ring technique. About this time, Joe was approached by the American Olympic Committee, getting ready to transport a great team to the Berlin games and having trouble raising money.

"They asked me for somethin' to help them out, but I shore don't feel like doin' it." He was feeling keenly the Germans jibes at his race. "Any American," he declared, "that believes in fair play and the rights of people ought to feel that way. 'Course, I'm a Negro, but it's only that . . ."

That's the Olympic year that—two months after Joe's defeat and the Nazi bragging—the American Negroes swept the Berlin games with such stars as Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe, Johnny Woodruff and Cornelius Johnson.

No one needs to be told what happened the second time Schmeling met Joe. And the silence became in[illegible] tones from Goebbels and his ilk beyond the seas.

I guess, after reading what Joe said, no one needs to be told how he came mighty close to putting his finger on the whole rottenness of the Nazi system either.

And a quote after one of Joe's fights should give many in this country pause.

"If we had more Negroes like Joe Louis," Ottley overheard one Negro say to another, "things would be better for us."

"Shore nuff," countered the other, "but if we had more white folks like Joe, things would be better still."